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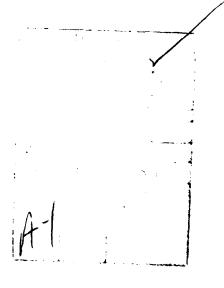




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INTRODUCTION

This report presents observations made with thermistor chains as part of the Mixed Layer Dynamics Experiment (MILDEX) during October-November 1983. The main objective of MILDEX was to monitor the upper ocean and observe its response to atmospheric forcing. Investigators from many institutions aboard the R.V. Wecoma, R.V. Acania, and R.P. Flip made many different types of observations at a variety of horizontal, vertical and temporal scales.

The purpose of the thermistor chains was to provide a continuous time series of the temperature field from the upper ocean through the main thermocline. The major scientific objectives are:

- To describe the high-frequency internal wave field
- · To assess the internal tide
- To investigate temperature finestructure and intrusive features

INSTRUMENTATION and DEPLOYMENT

Five Aanderaa thermistor chains, identified as T1, T2, T3, T4 and T5, were deployed along with VMCMs (Vector Measuring Current Meters) on a free-floating Drifter (Fig. 1). The Drifter was buoyed by a toroid surface float which also contained a suite of meteorological sensors, a Loran-C receiver, and a satellite transmitter. A description of the meteorological and current meter data from the Drifter can be found in Richman and deSzoeke (1984).

Each chain contained 11 thermistors evenly-spaced over its length. The three upper chains were 30 m long and the two deeper ones were 100 m in length. The data were recorded on magnetic tape every 5 minutes.

Some of the technical details of the instruments are given in Table 1. T1 recorded at the standard "low" temperature range from -2.5° to 21.5°C. The resolution of the 10 bit recording system is then about 0.023°C. Because the temperature gradient is weaker at depth, the resolution of the deeper instruments was increased by changing resistors in the bridge circuit. During testing a problem caused by self-heating of the thermistors was discovered at the increased resolution. Modified electronic boards (model no. 2167BS), supplied by Aanderaa, were installed in T2, T3, T4, T5, which reduced the self-heating significantly (see Levine (1984) for details).

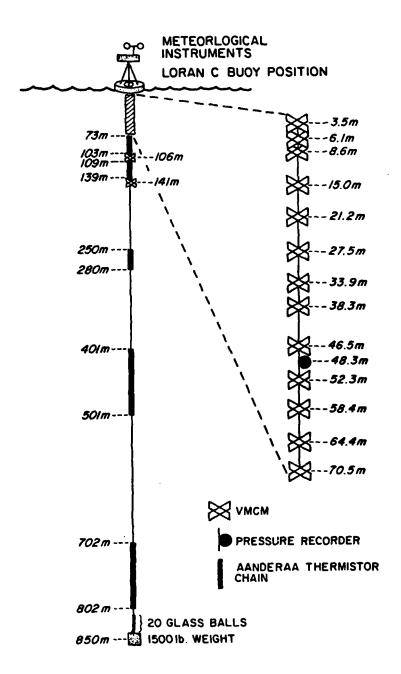


Figure 1. Schematic of Drifter

Bridge	Resistors, WR1/WR4, ohms	2000/ 3825	5743/ 3454	13702/ 4016	24850/ 4385	29460/ 4657
Recorder Configuration	Resolution, °C	0.023°	0.012°	0.0058	0.0033	0.0019
Recorder	Range, °C	-2.5 to 21.5°	5.4 to 17.8°	5.0 to 10.95°	4.2 to 7.6°	3.1 to 6.0°
Depth of	deepest sensor,	73-103	109-139	250-280	401-501	702-802
Chain No./	Board No.	689/355*	682/1060**	678/1058**	1083/1057**	1084/1059**
Serial No./	of TR Recorder	269/19	168/6	265/27	8/19	268/20
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Table 1. Technical information about the Aanderaa thermistor chains deployed during MILDEX.

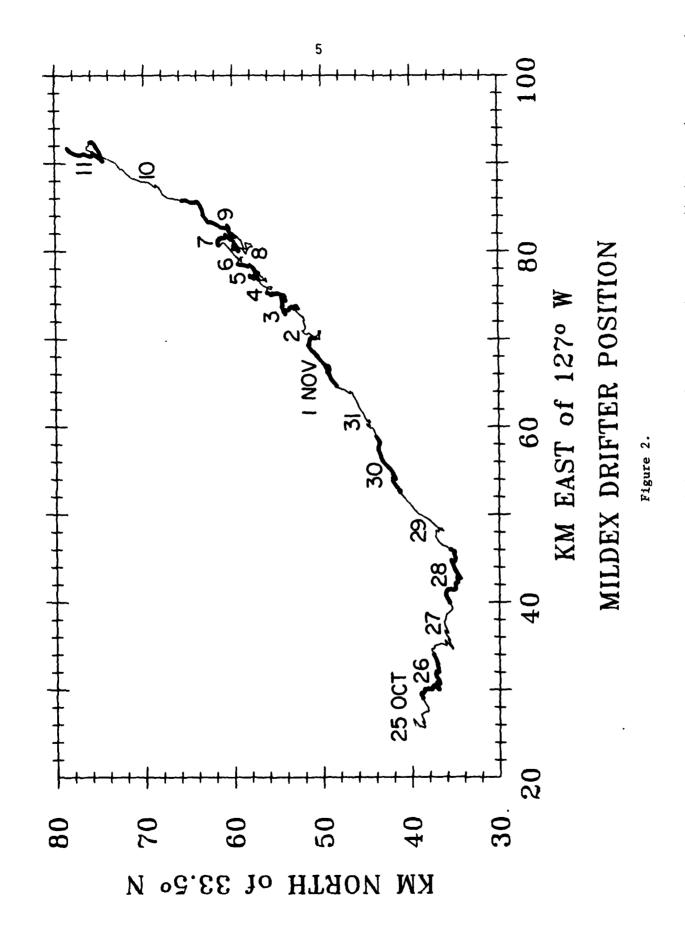
* Model No. 2167 ** Model No. 2167BS The Drifter was deployed from the R.V. Wecoma at 0007 GMT 25 Oct 1983 near 33° 51' N, 126° 42' W. Data of good quality started at 0100 GMT 25 Oct. The positions of the Drifter, as determined by Loran-C every hour, are shown in Fig. 2. The Drifter traveled to the northwest at an average speed of about 0.06 m/s. Instrument recovery began at 1700 GMT 11 Nov 1983. The longest records contain approximately 399 hours of useful data.

The chains were calibrated both before and after deployment at OSU. To get some idea of the absolute error, the maximum difference between the pre-cruise and post-cruise calibrations over the range the data were recorded is given below:

Chain	T1	0.0092°C
	T2	Leaked
	T 3	0.0068°C (except sensor at 253 m, 0.021°)
	T4	0.0048°C
	T 5	(see below).

Chains T1, T3, and T4 are probably accurate to within 0.01°C, with the exception of the single sensor at 253 m. A leak in T2 was responsible for introducing low frequency noise into the data; hence no data from this instrument are presented. The middle thermistor in T3 did not function. Due to a mechanical problem, the upper 7 sensors on T4 did not operate for the entire deployment.

Chain T5 exhibited a systematic shift in the calibration as a function of distance of the sensor from the recorder. The sensor nearest the recorder had the same calibration before and after the cruise; the furthest sensor showed nearly a 0.08°C difference. This relatively large shift in the calibration may be associated with the modified electronic board (model no. 2167BS) which is more sensitive to the capacitance of the chain. After the cruise, it was discovered that the recorder apparently has the ability to be in two different calibration "states" reflecting either the pre-cruise or post-cruise calibrations. This mysterious behavior is still under investigation. The data were converted using the post-cruise calibrations because they were the most consistent. However, for the period from 0930 Nov 2 to 1815 Nov 4 the pre-cruise calibrations were used because there were large jumps apparently indicating a change in the "state" of the recorder.



OBSERVATIONS

Daily means and variances of the temperature for all sensors are given in Tables 2a-2d.

In order to see the entire time series at a glance, the temperature of a single thermistor from each chain is shown in Fig. 3.

Two types of plots are presented to examine the high frequency oscillations. Both types use the same scale on the time axis--one day per page. The first type displays the temperature time series measured by all the sensors on an individual chain. Usually, temperature decreases with depth, and the plots of temperature from adjacent sensors do not cross. However, there are times when the lines do cross, indicating the presence of a temperature inversion. To aid in identifying these occurrences, areas are shaded where the temperature does not decrease monotonically with depth. In this shaded region it is difficult to identify the plotted temperature with a particular sensor.

The second type of plot shows time series of isotherm depth as drawn by an objective contouring routine. Every data point was used, and the minimum amount of smoothing was chosen. Selected contours are plotted bold to aid in following features from one plot to the next.

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THERMISTOR CHAIN T3

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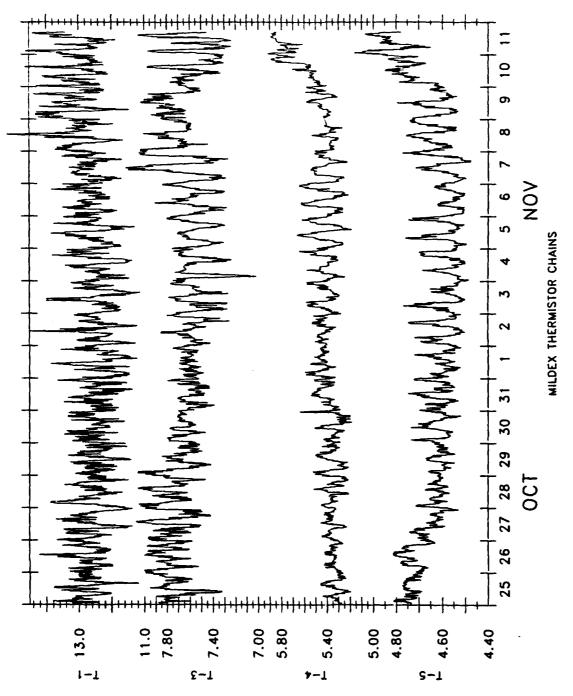
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Daily Average Temperature (°C) and Standard Deviation (°C) THERMISTOR CHAIN TS

Table 2d.



The depth of the sensors are, from top to bottom, 73, 280, 501, and 702 m. Temperature as a function of time from a single thermistor on each chain.

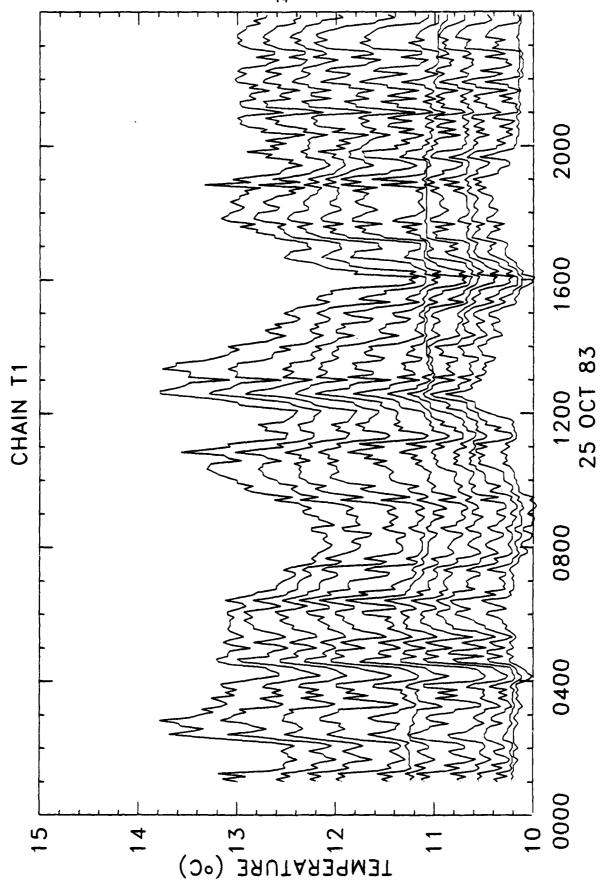
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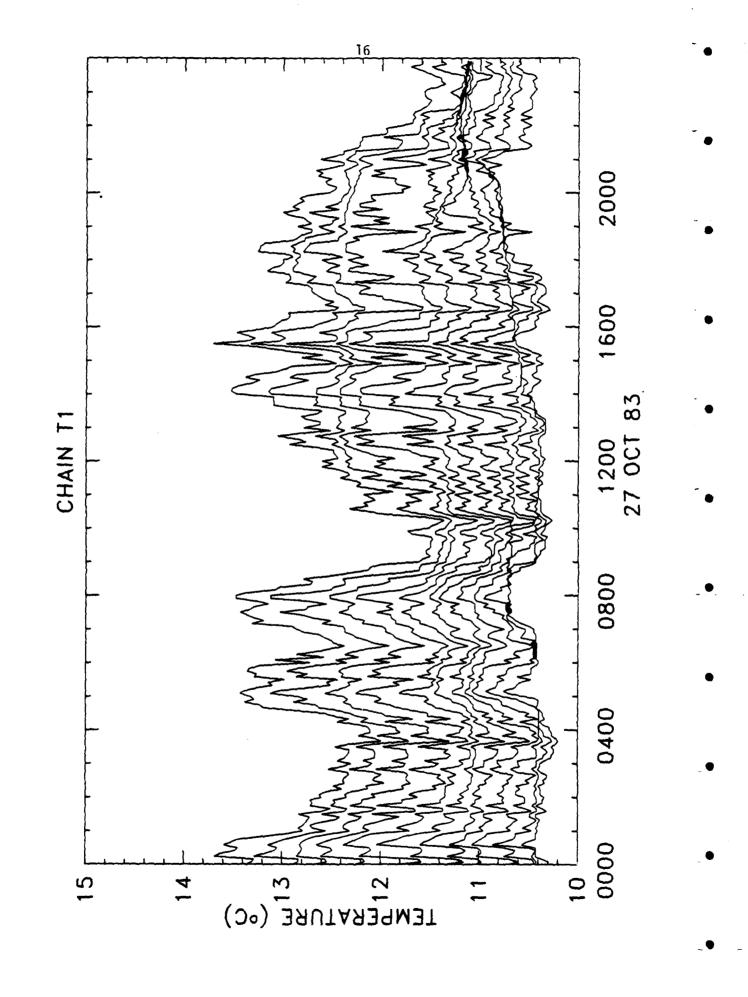
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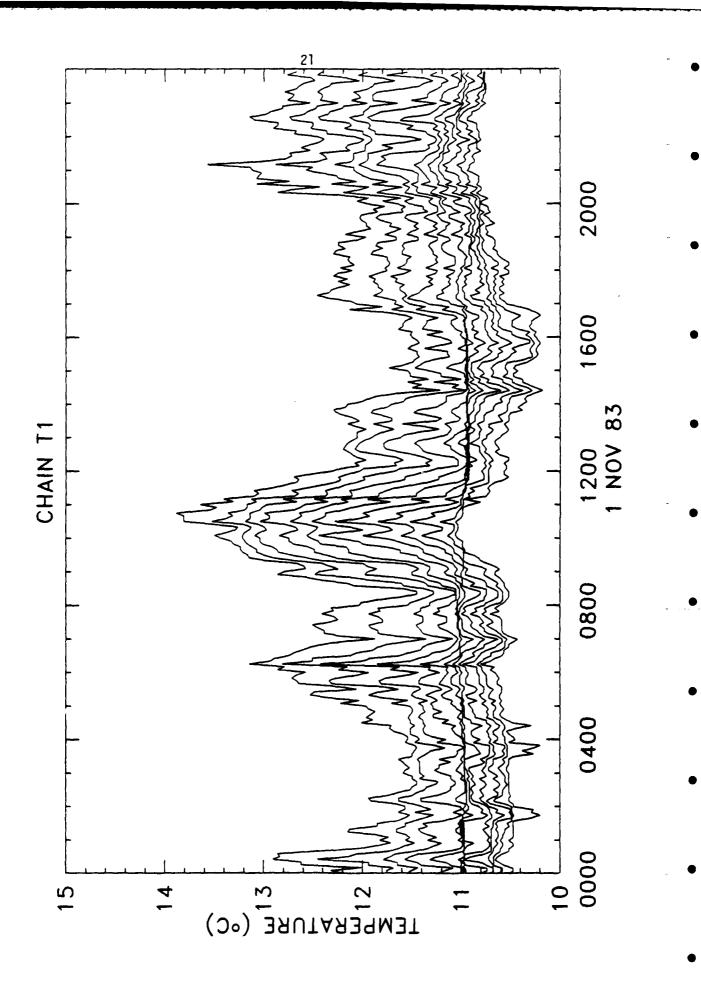
TIME SERIES of TEMPERATURE

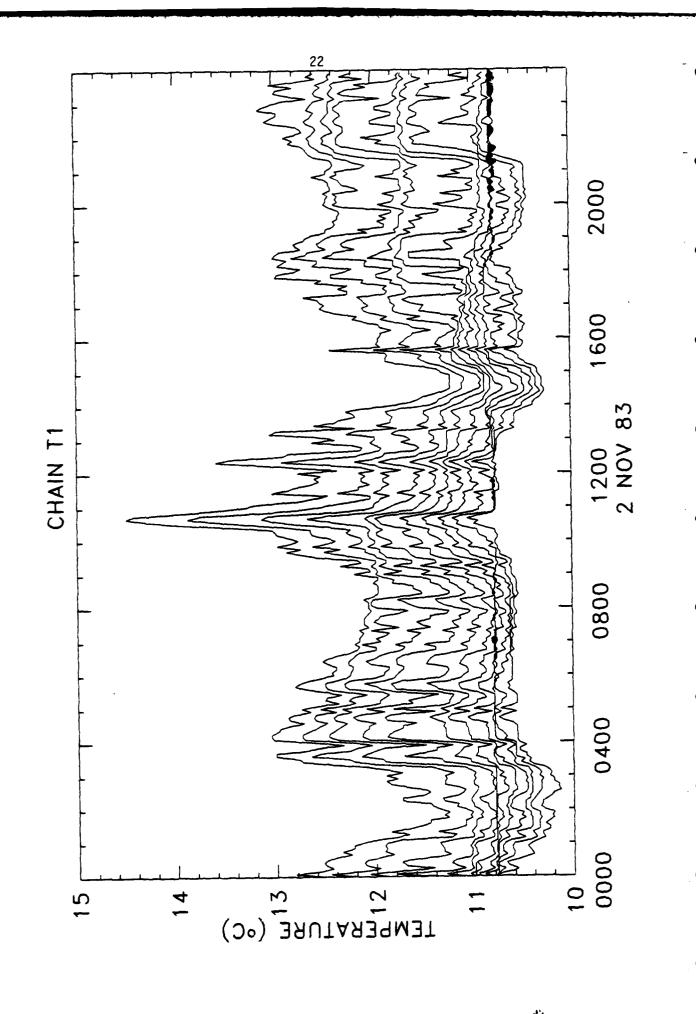
On the following pages there are plots of the temperature from each sensor as a function of time for Chains T1, T3, T4 and T5. The depths of the sensors can be inferred from Table 1. When lines cross, a temperature inversion is present, and it is difficult to identify the plotted line with a particular sensor. To aid in identifying these occurrences, areas are shaded where the temperature does not decrease monotonically with depth.

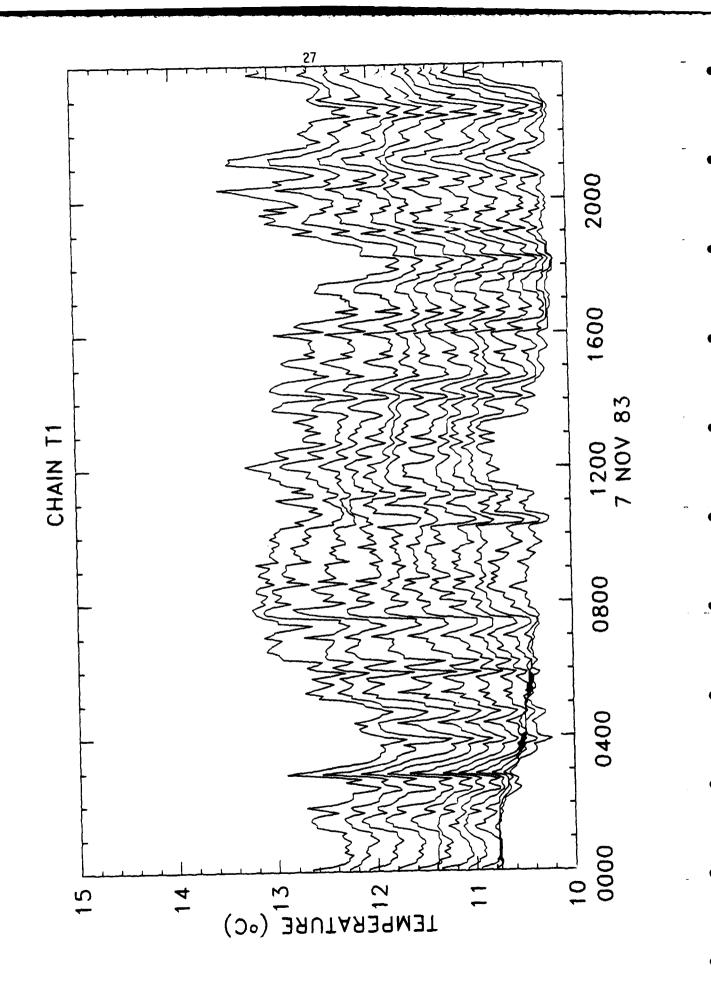


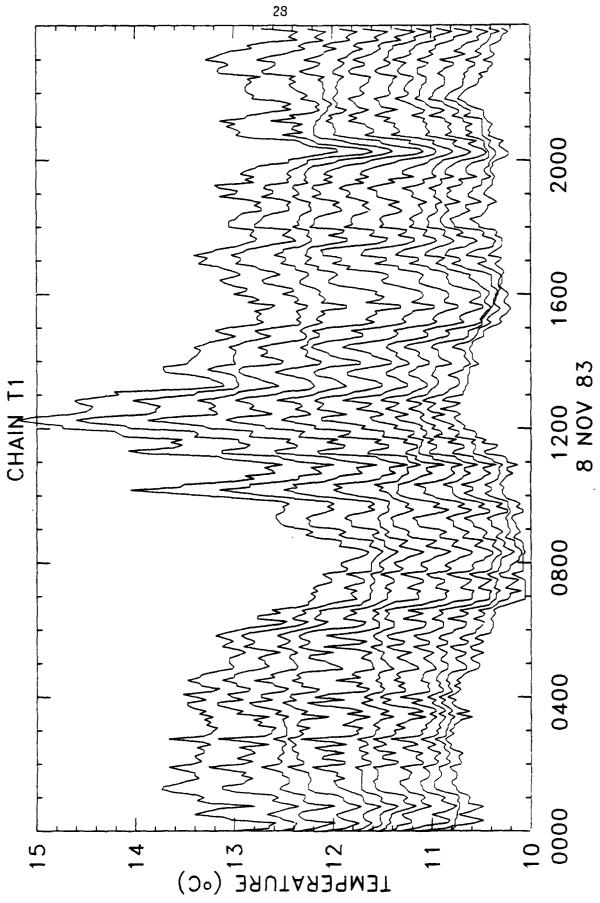


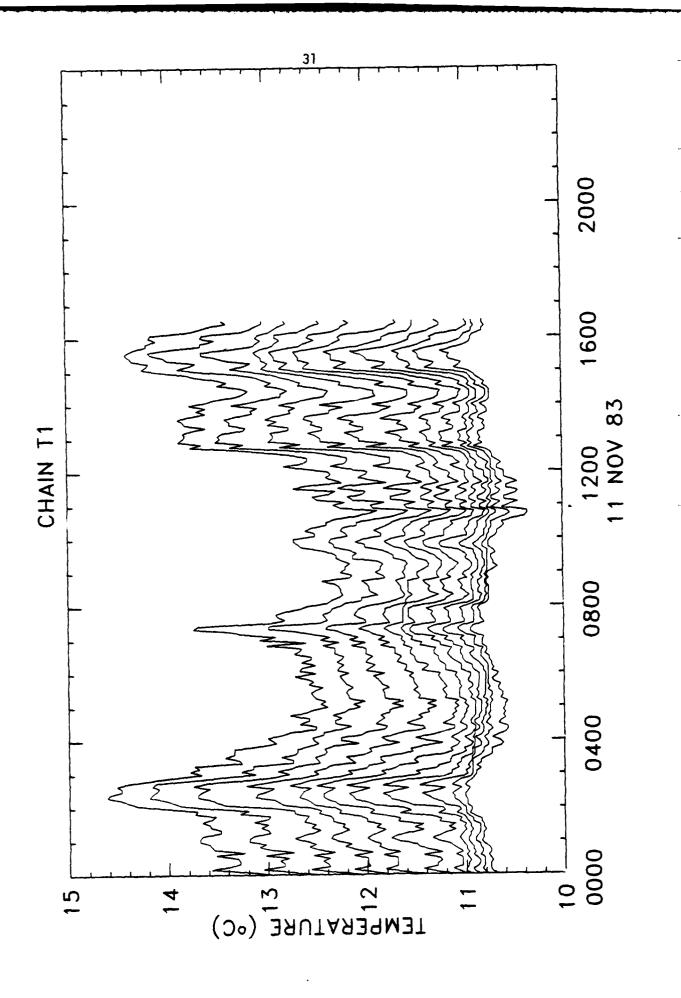


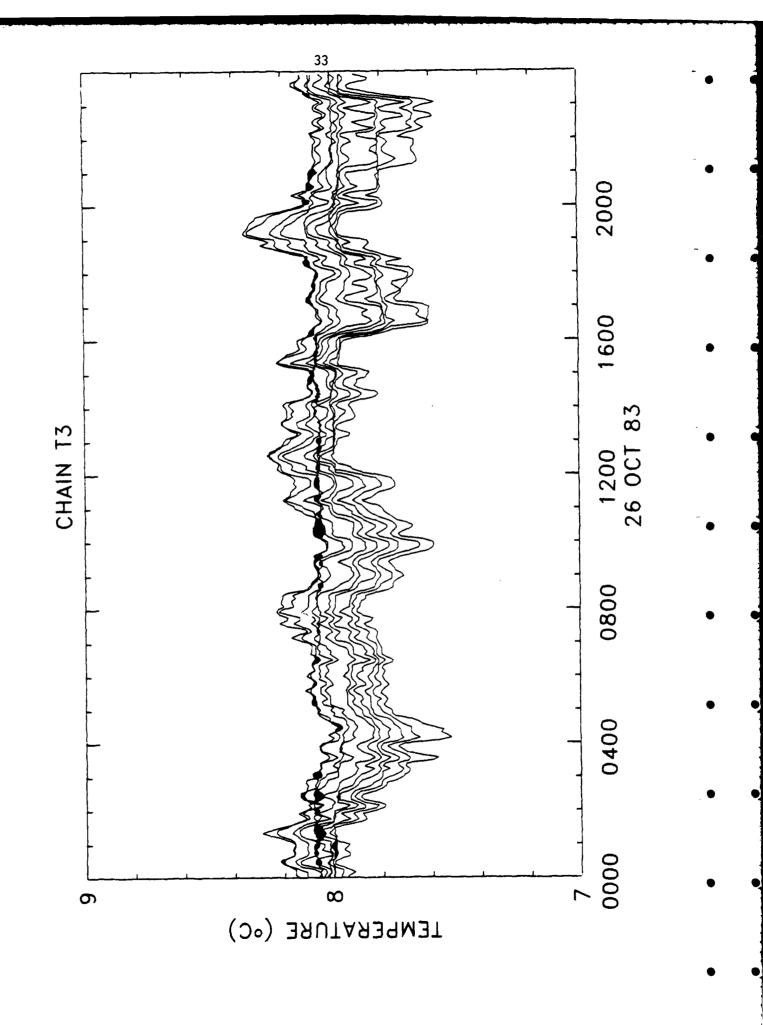


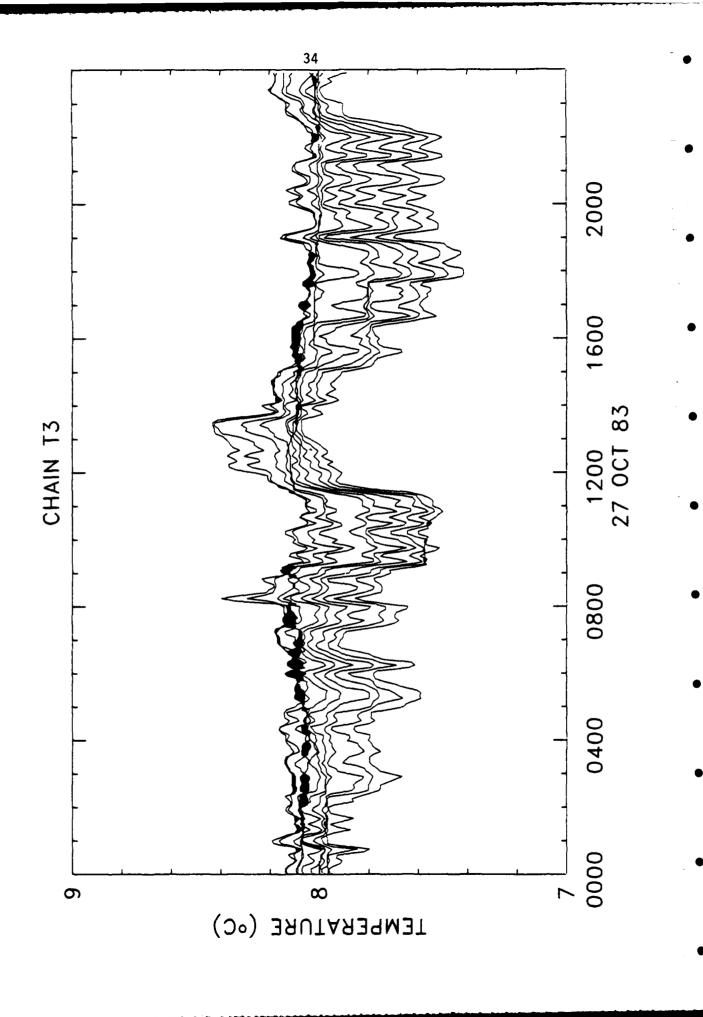


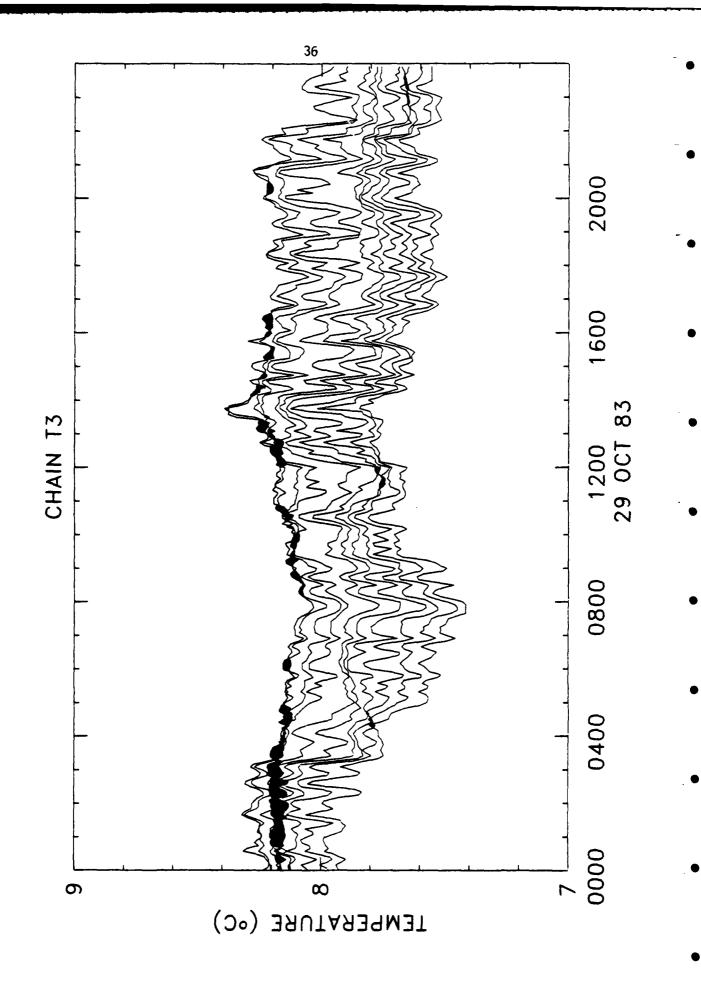


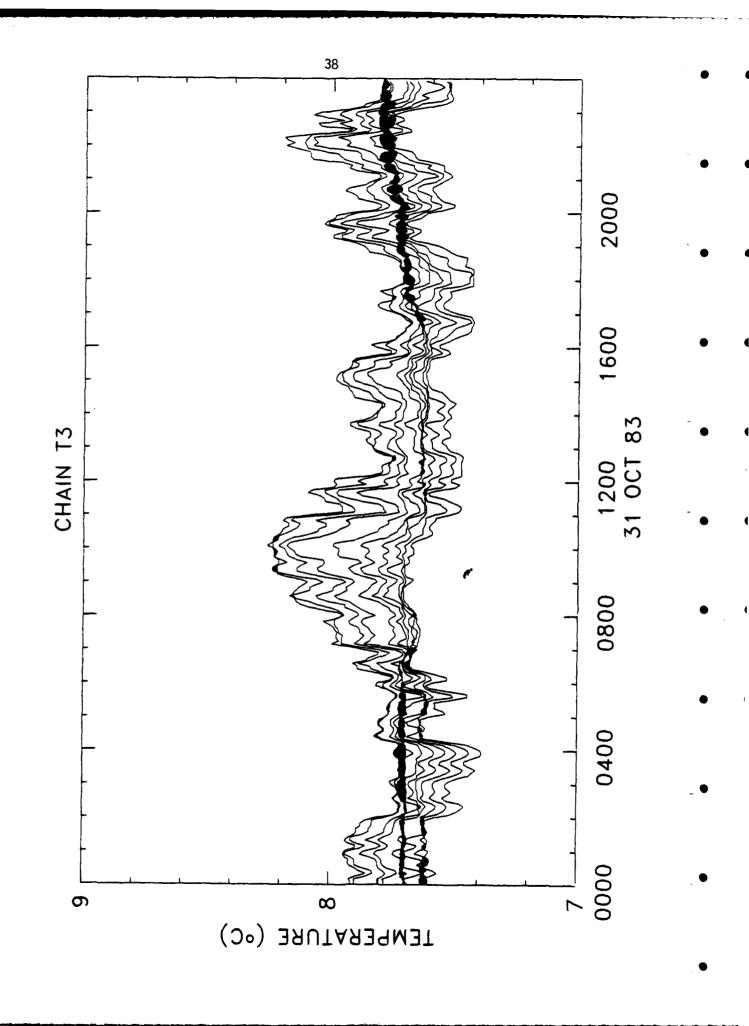


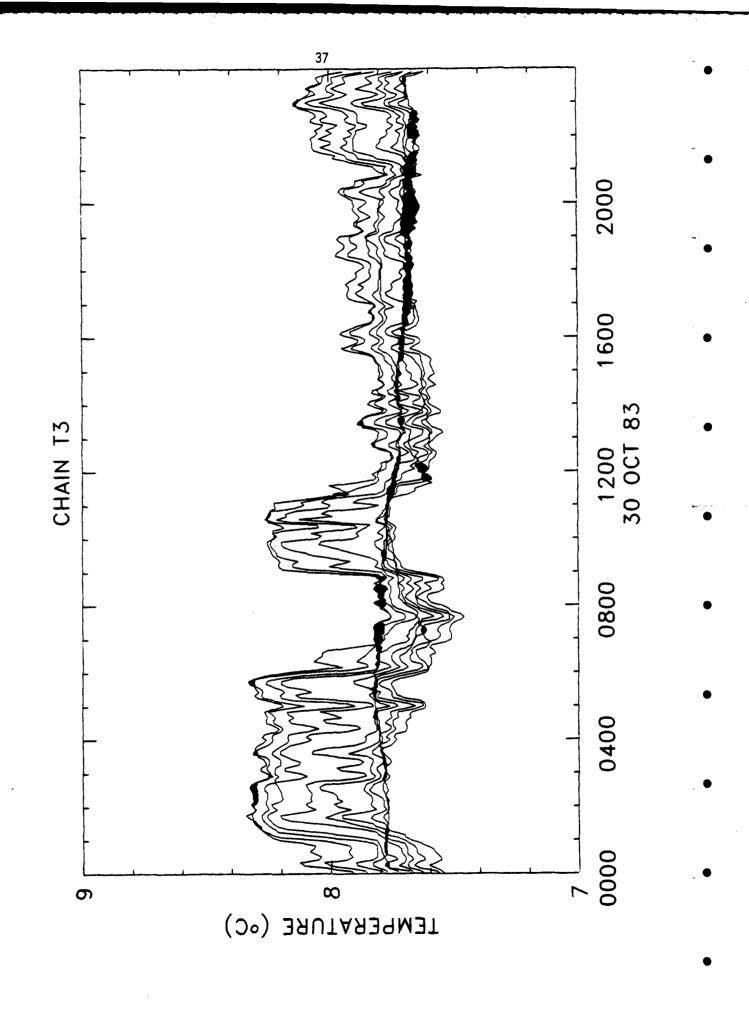


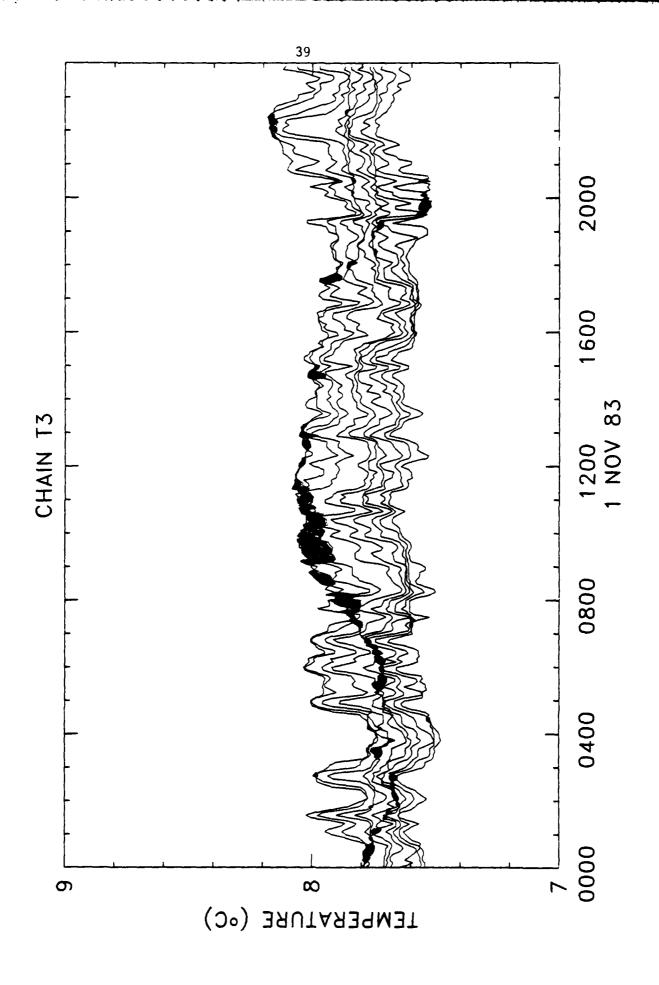


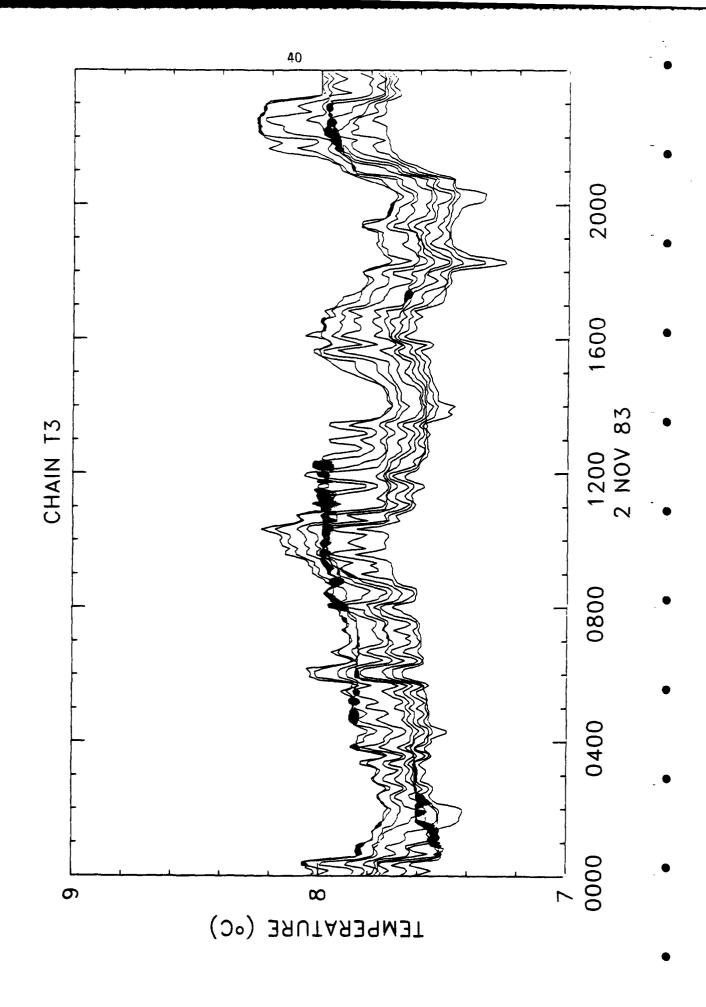


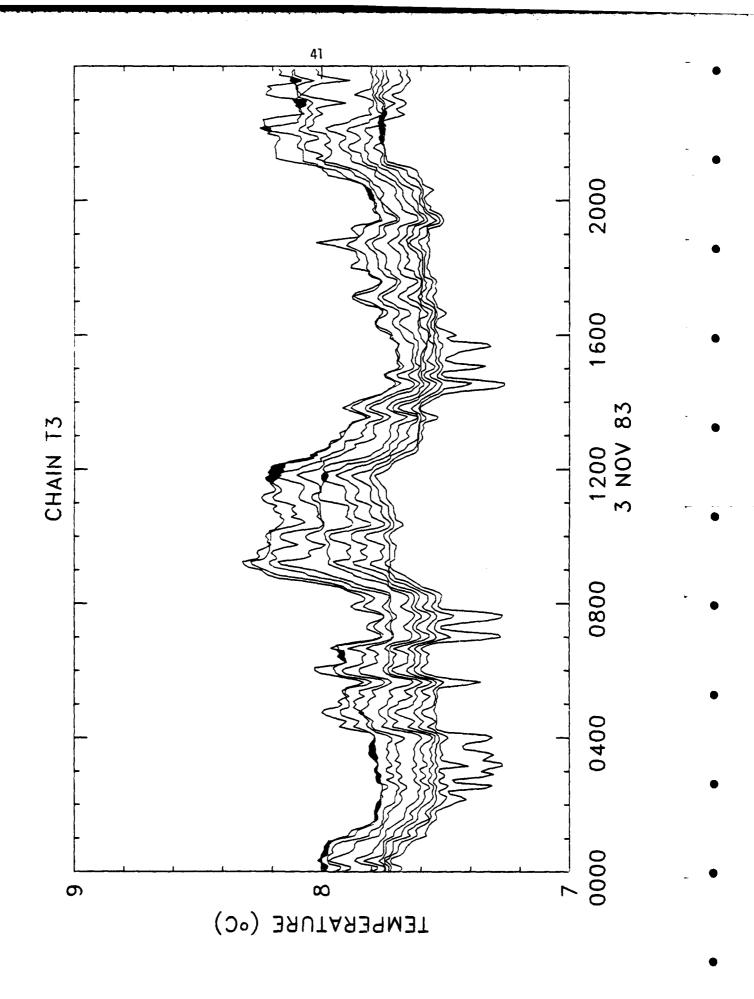


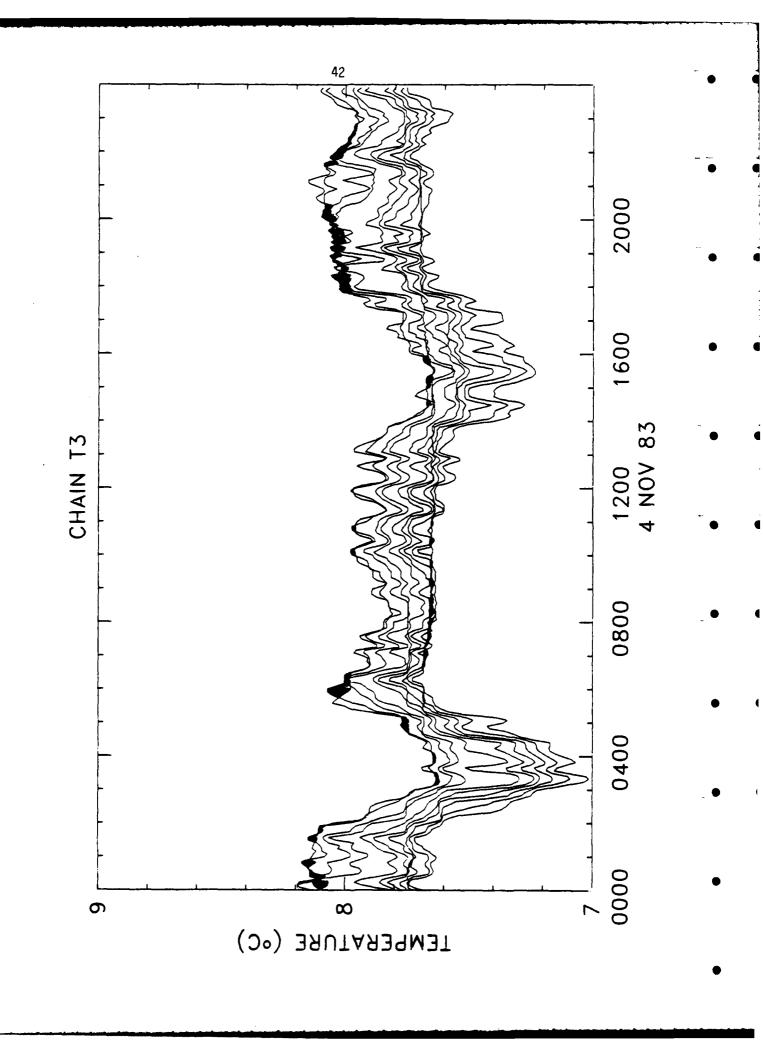


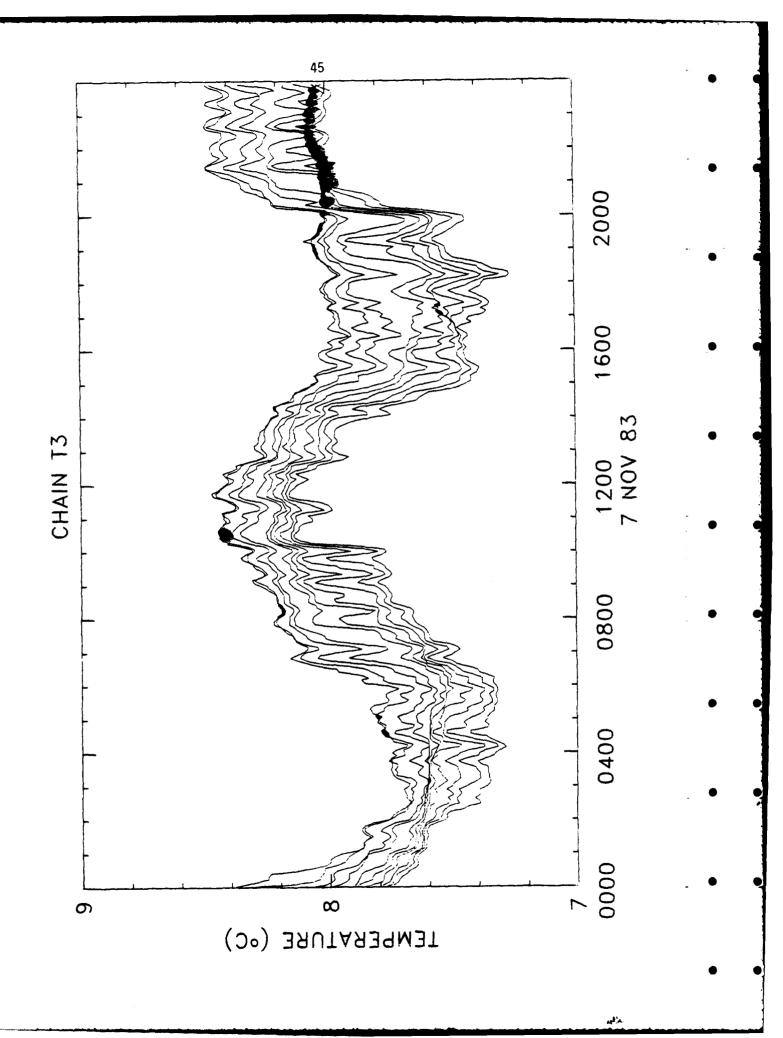


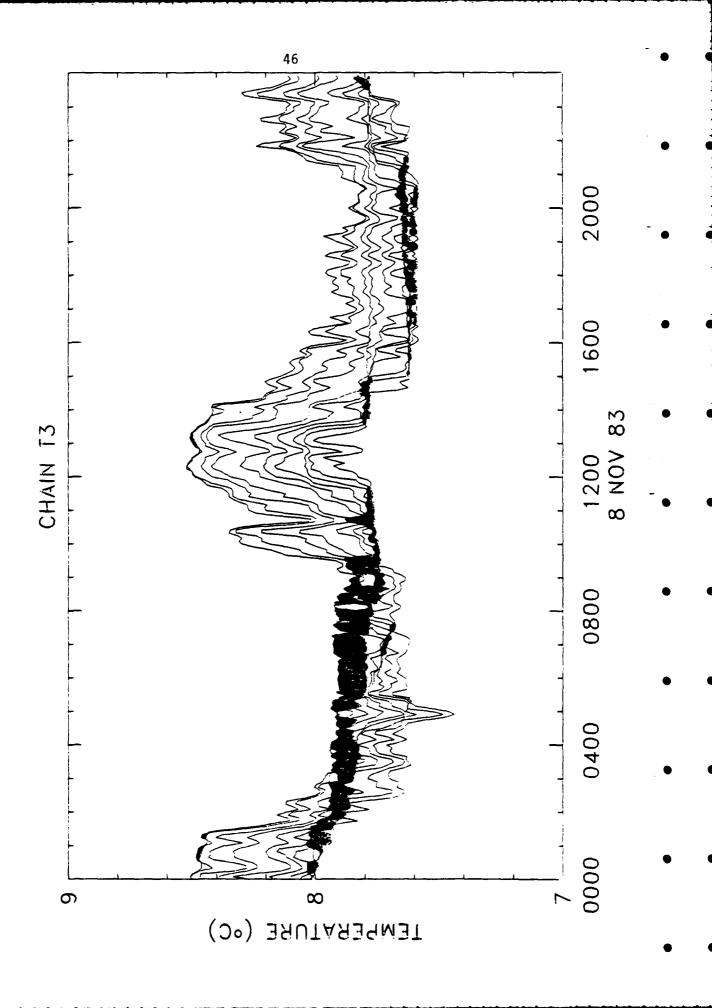


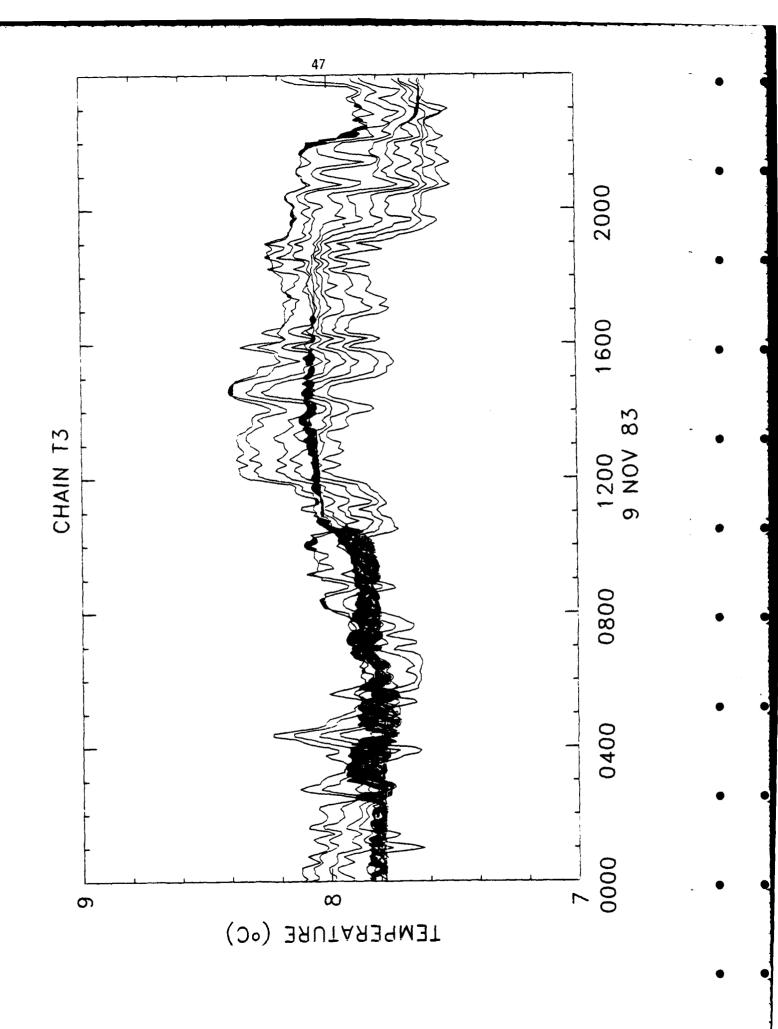


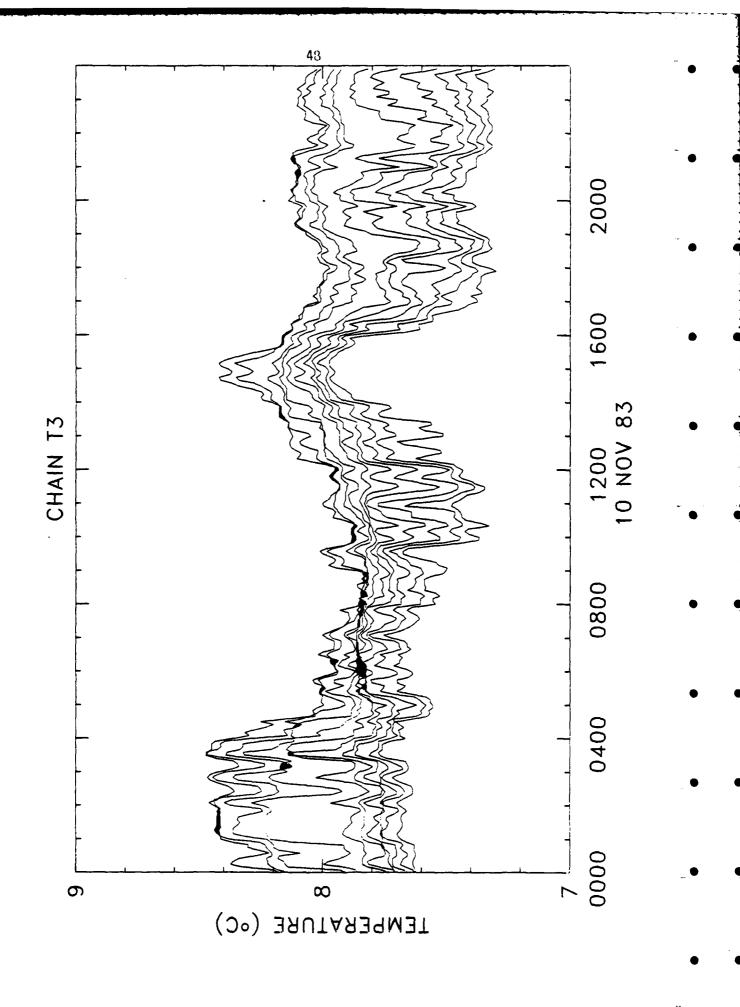


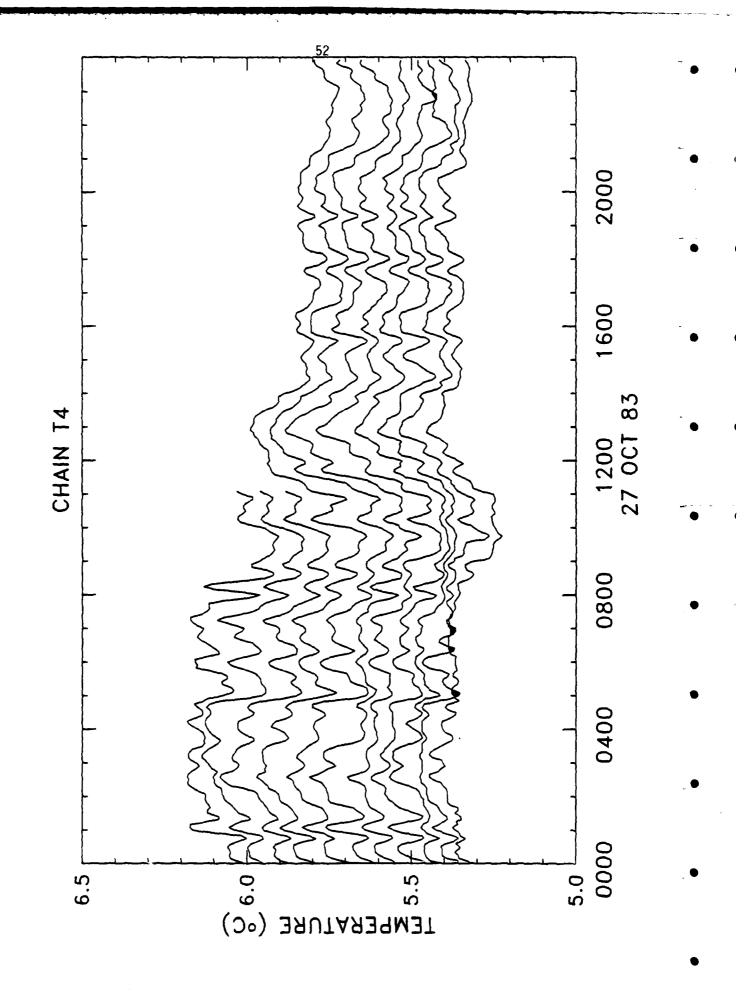


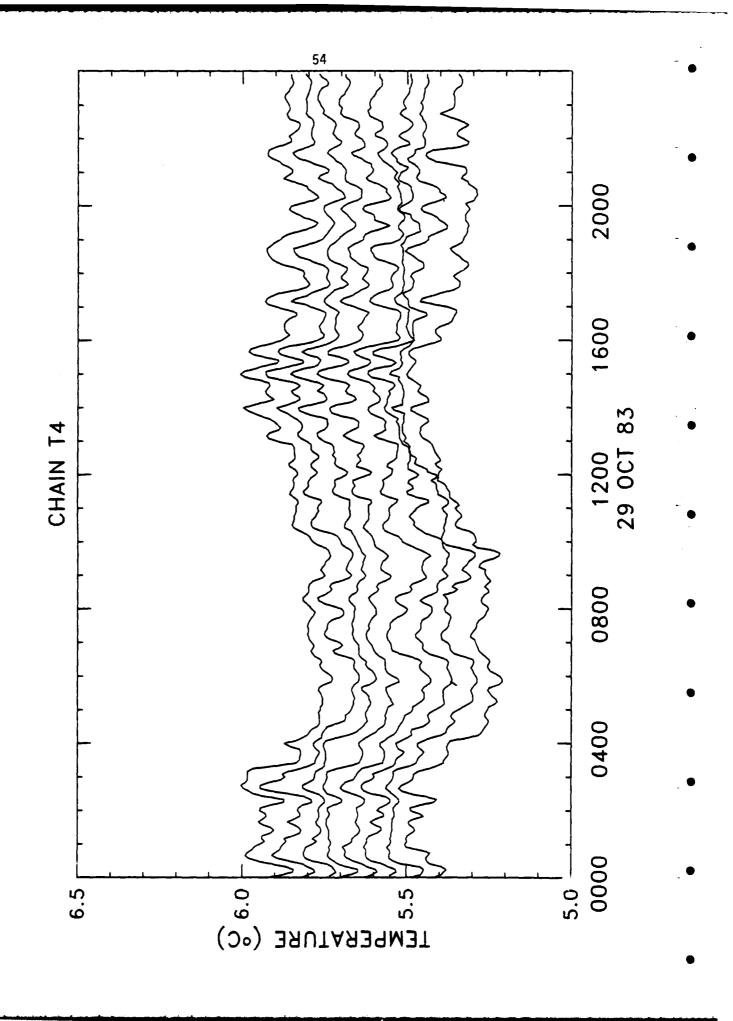


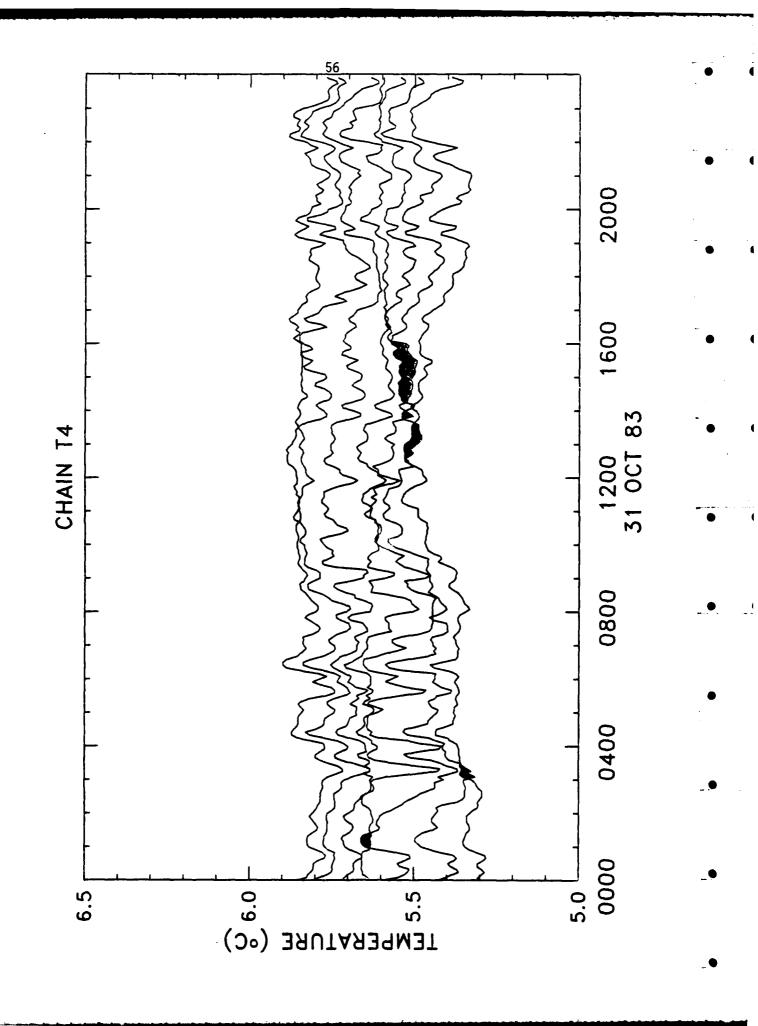


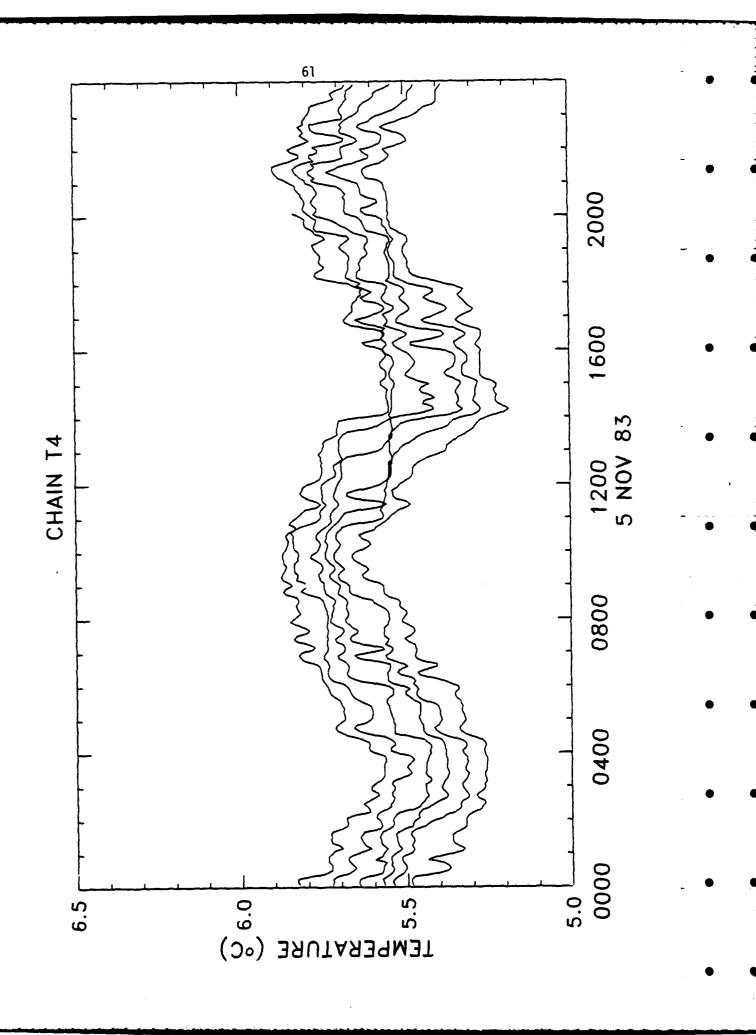


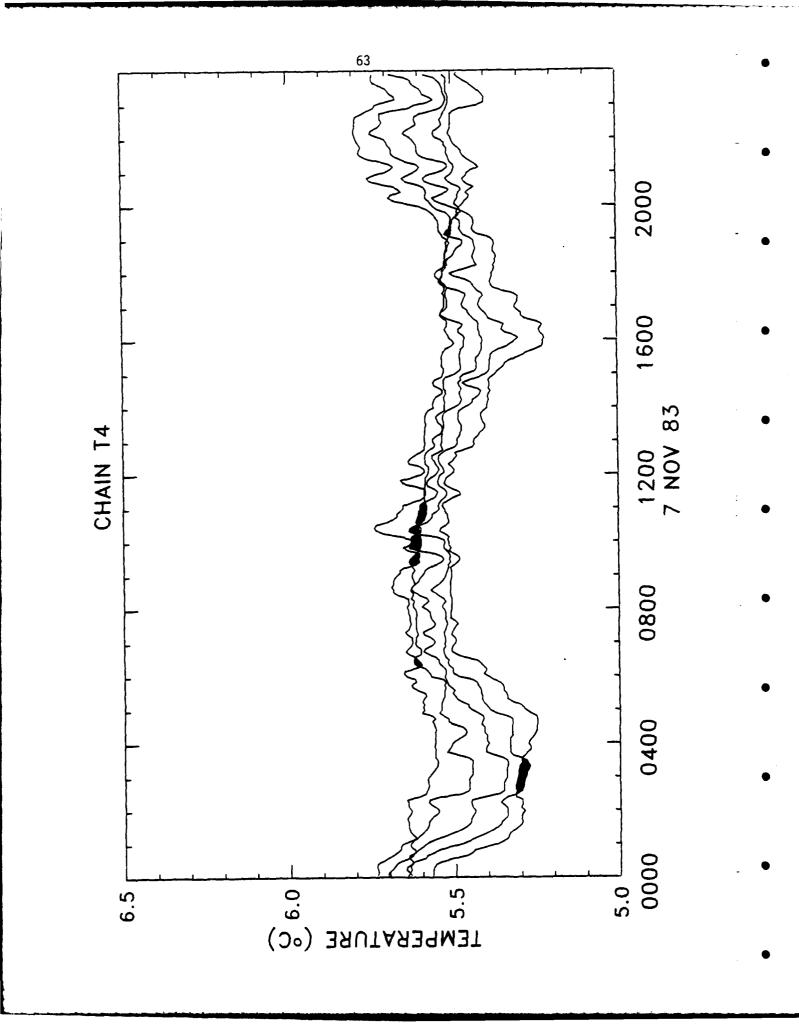


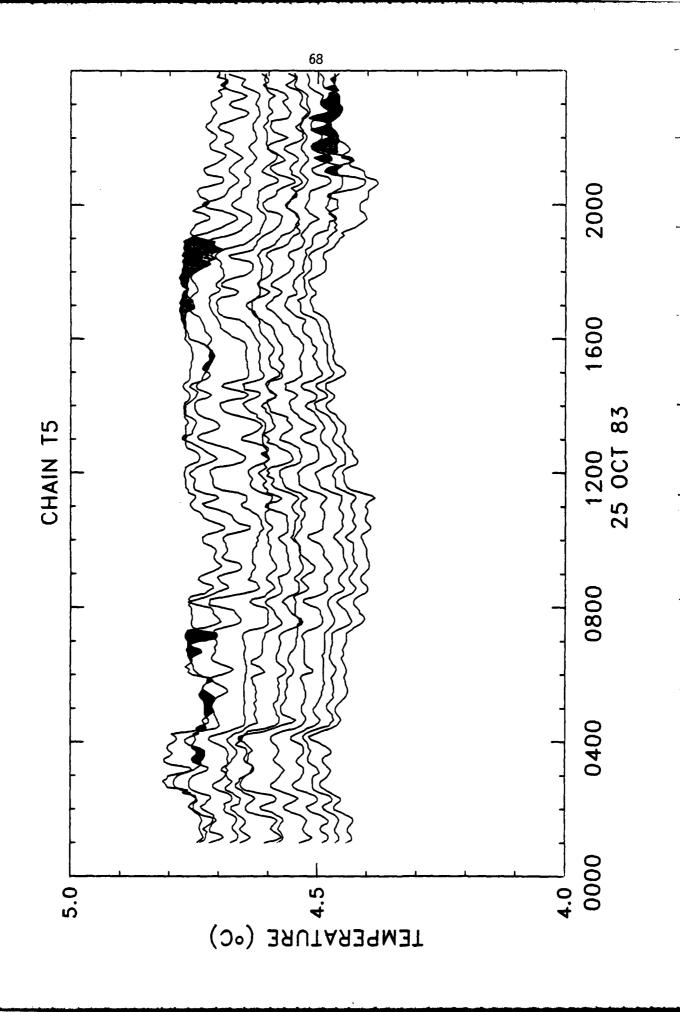


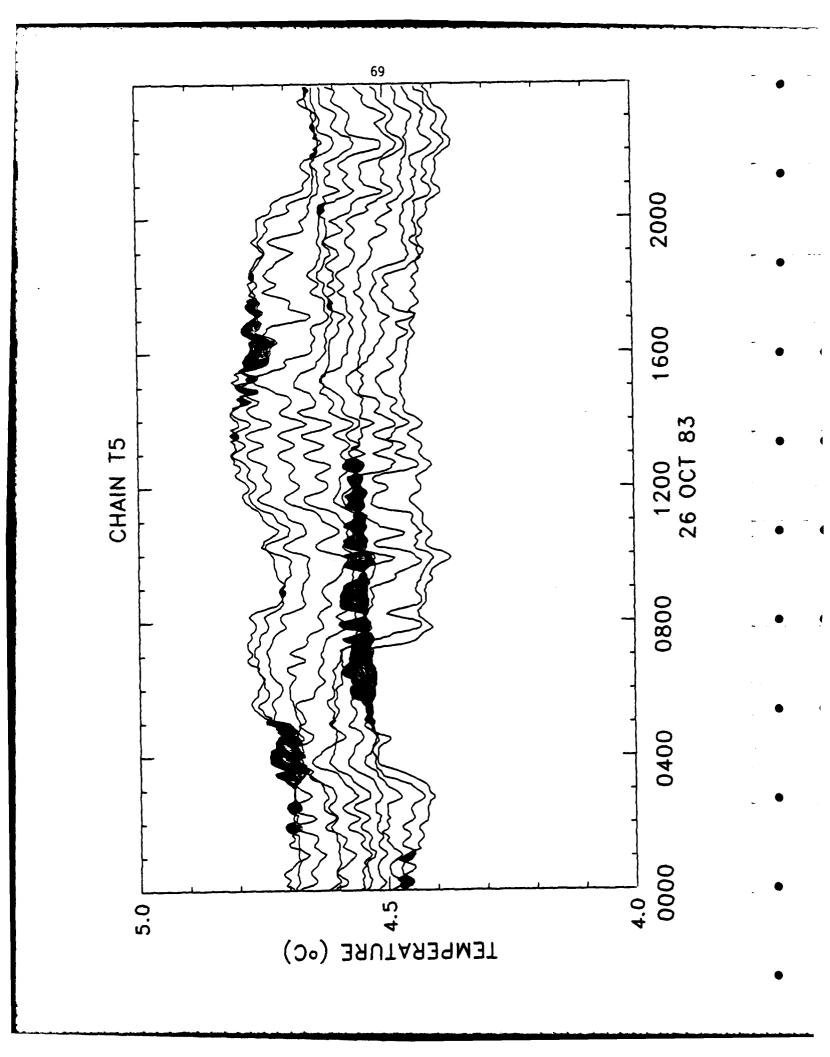


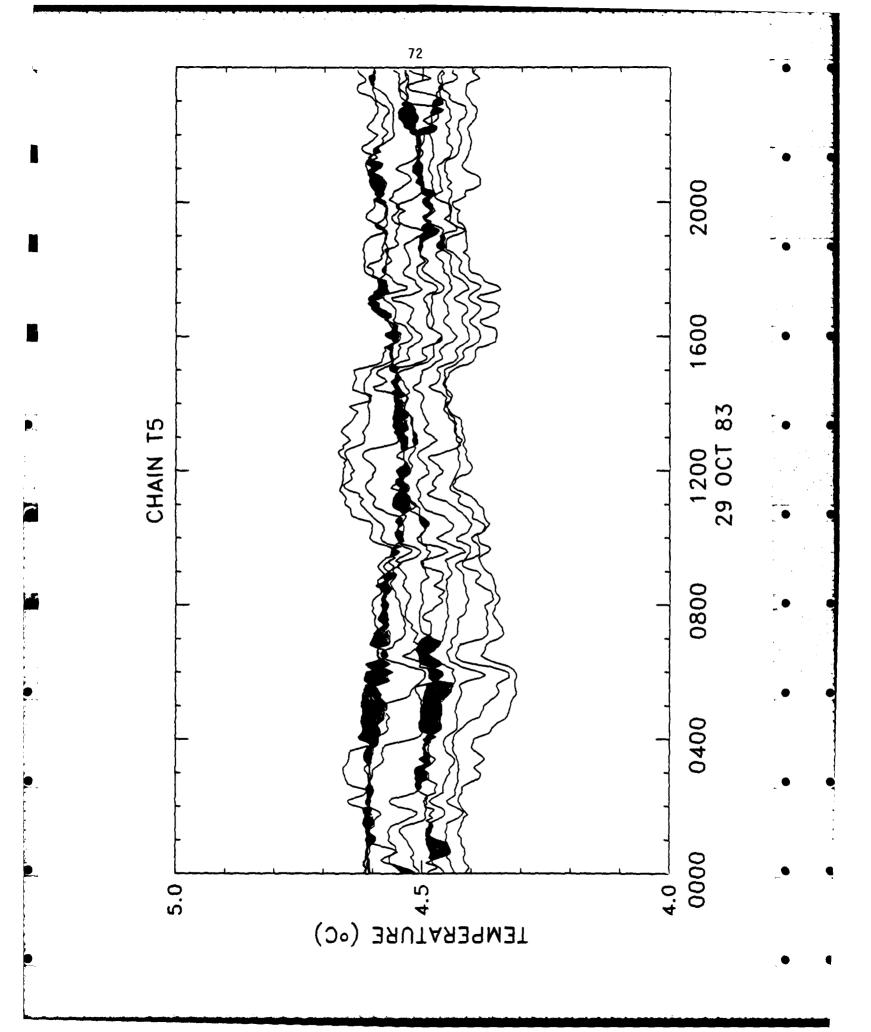


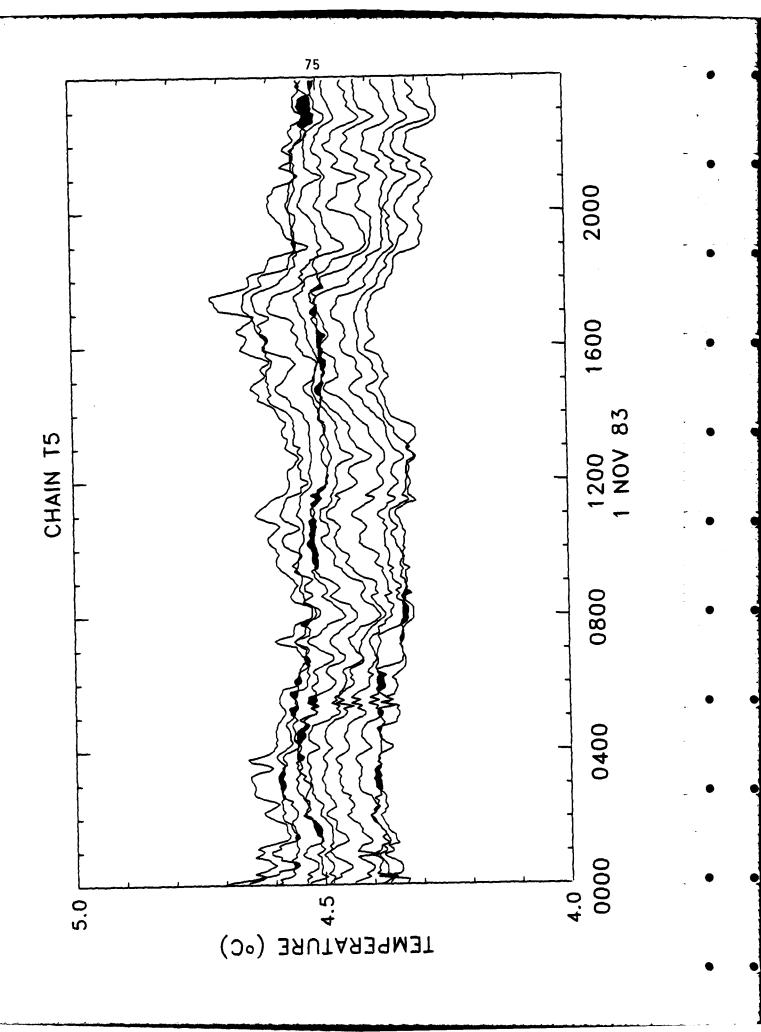


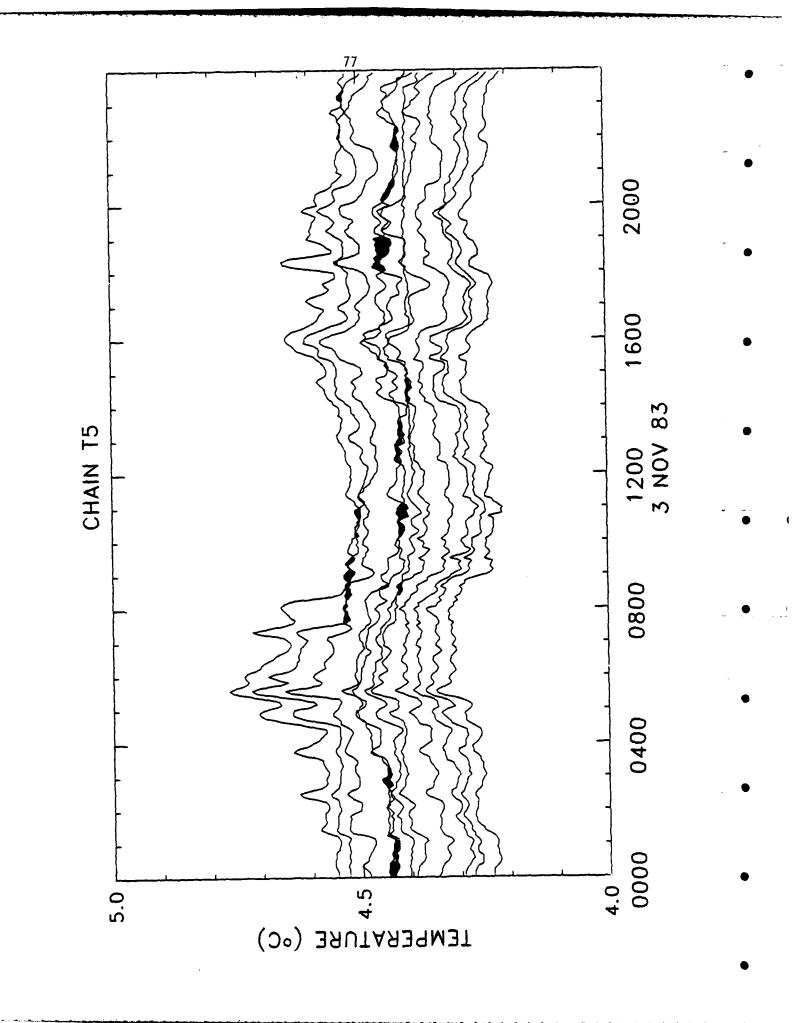


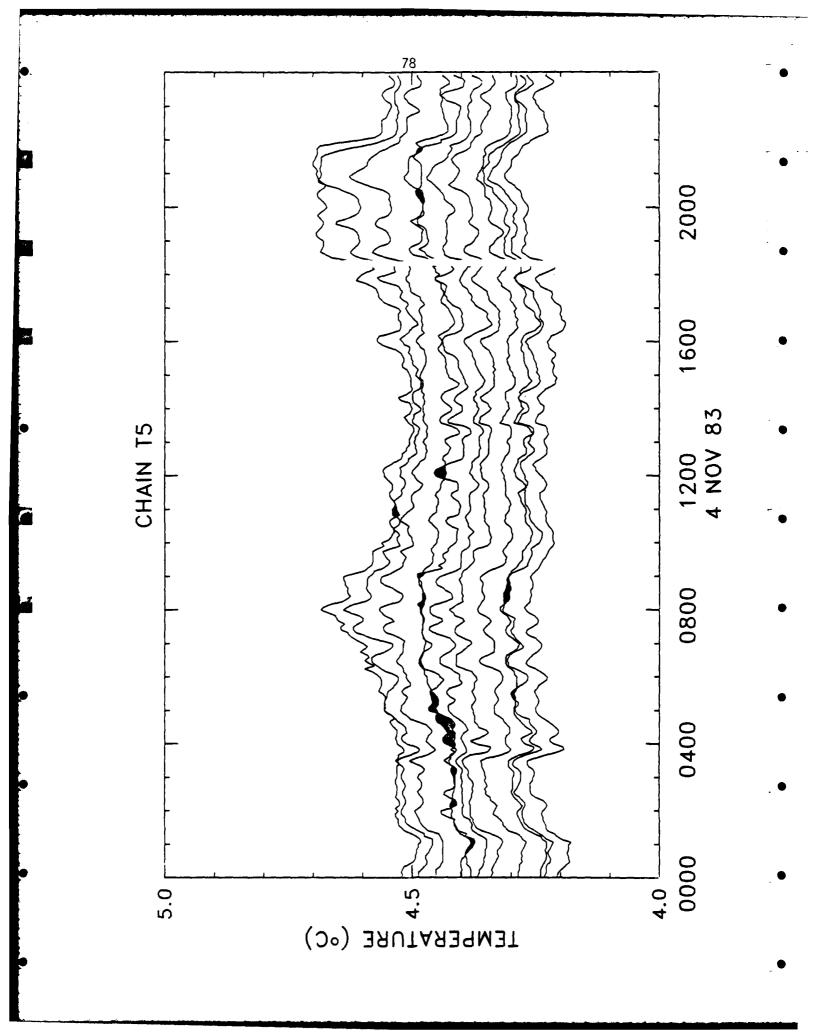


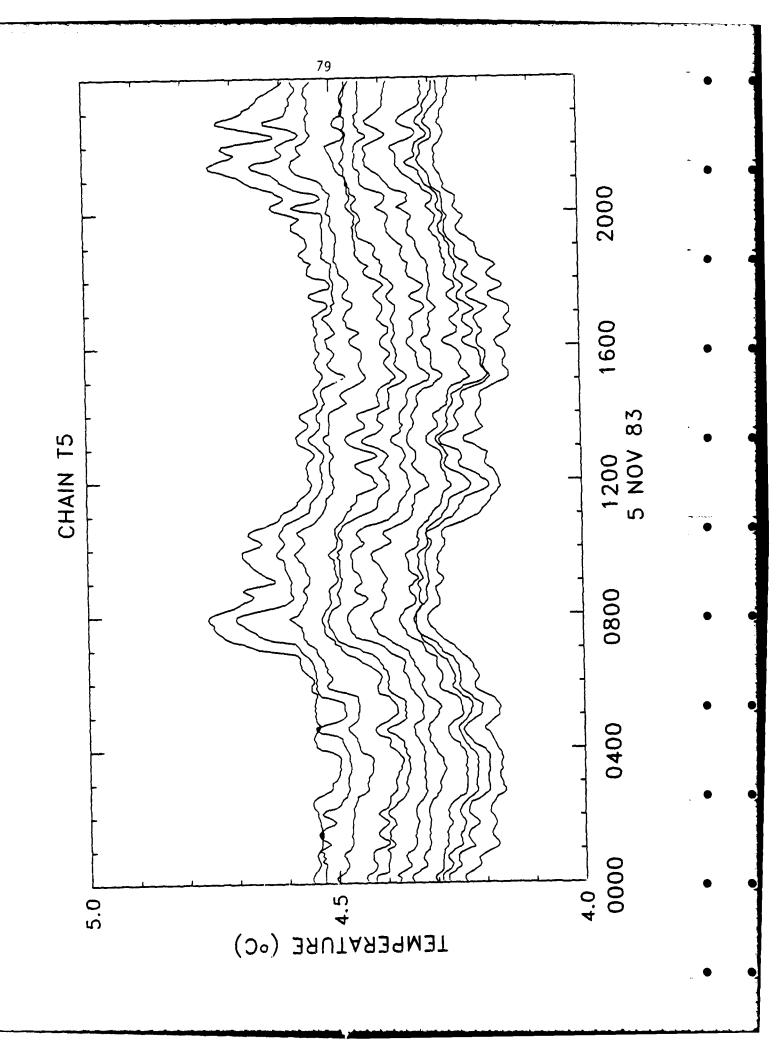


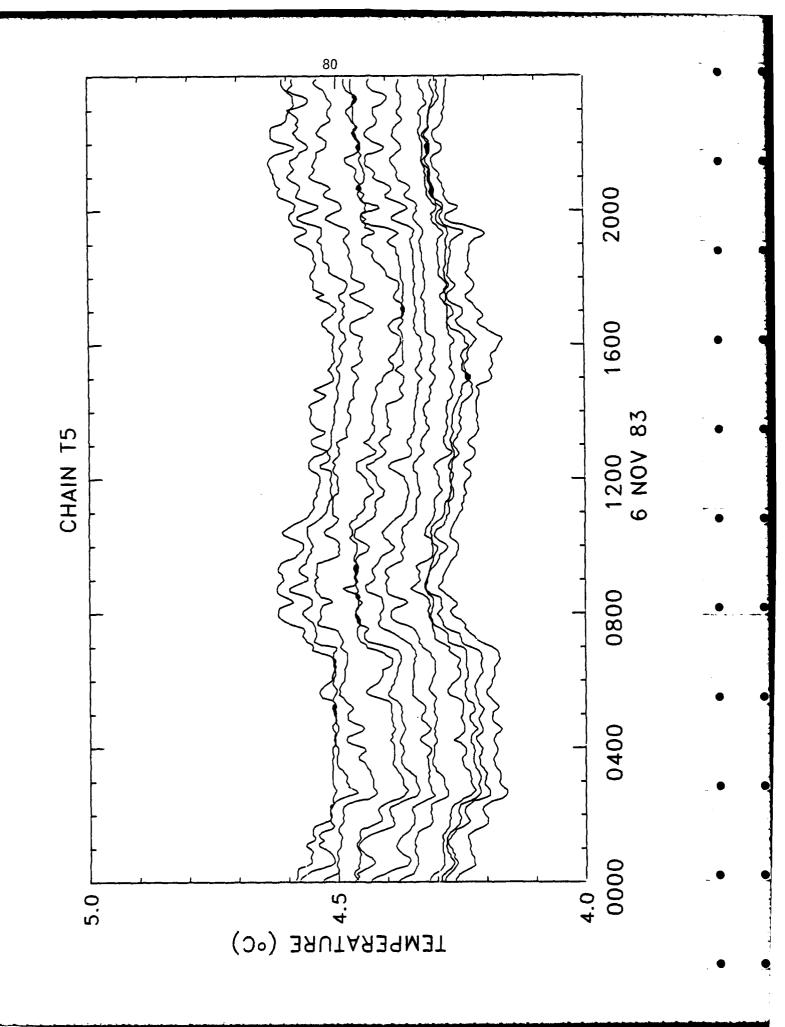


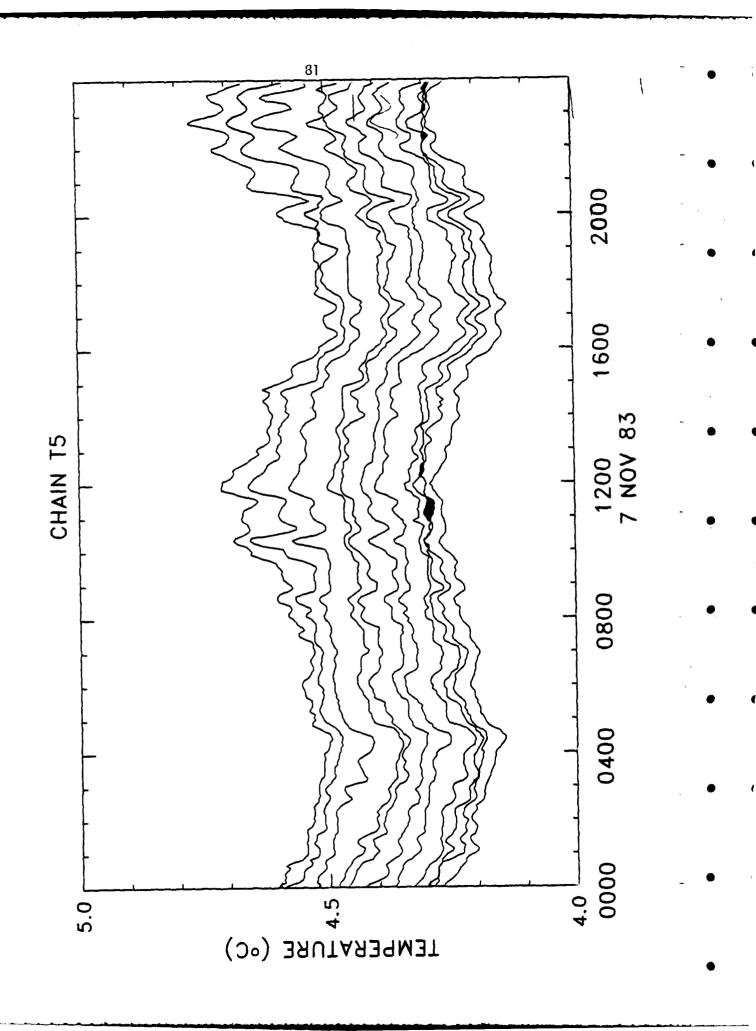


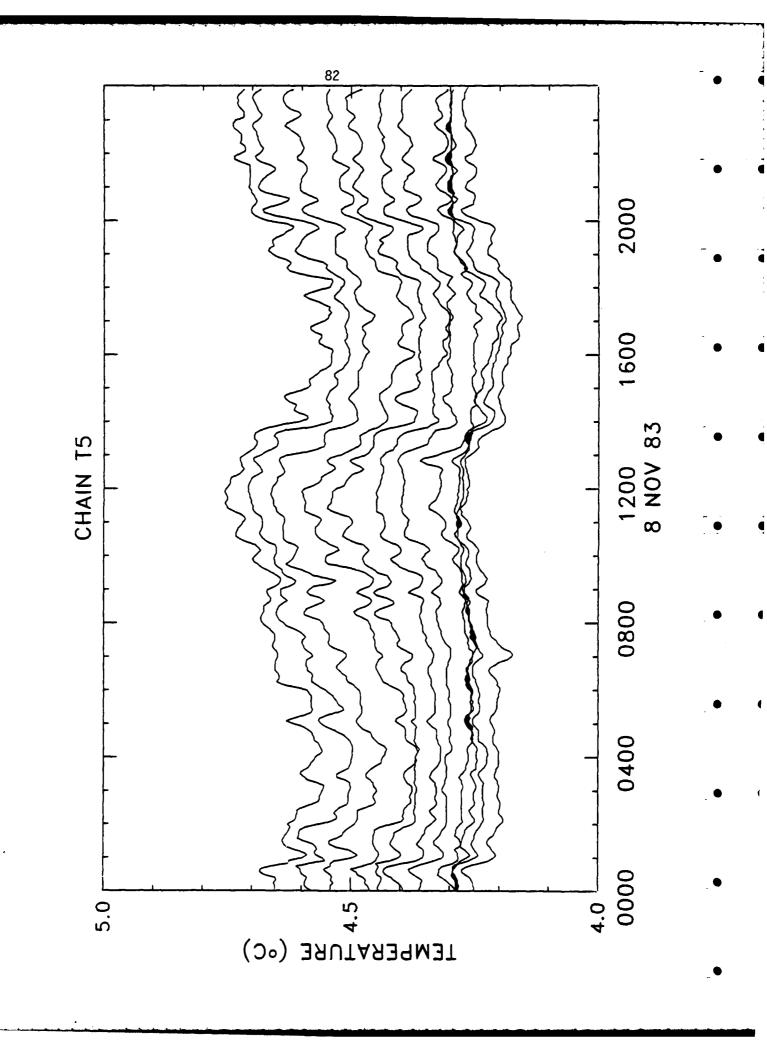


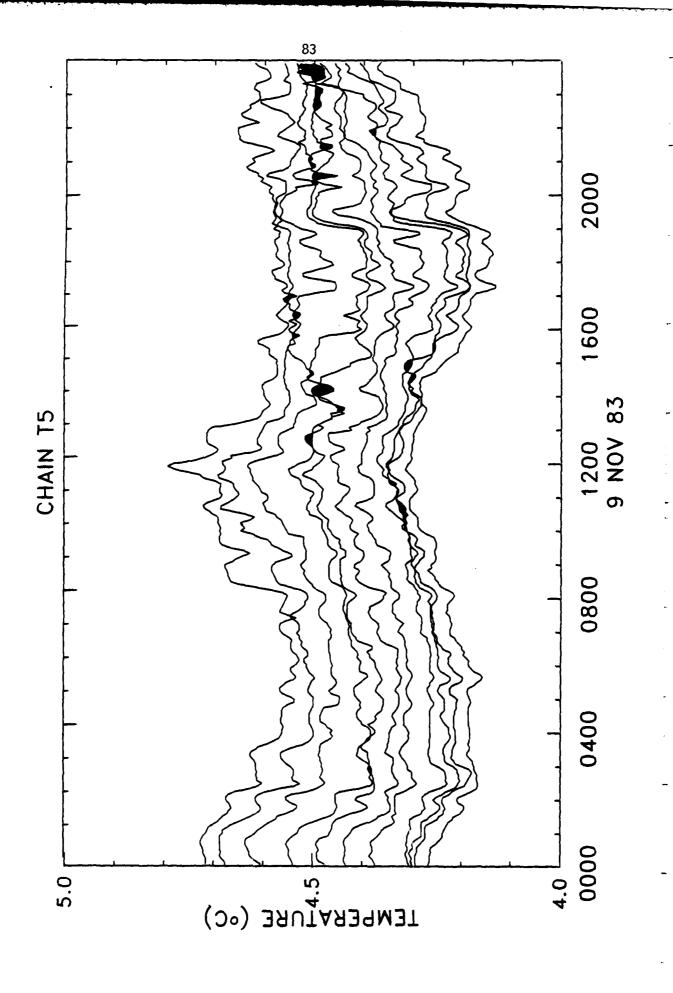


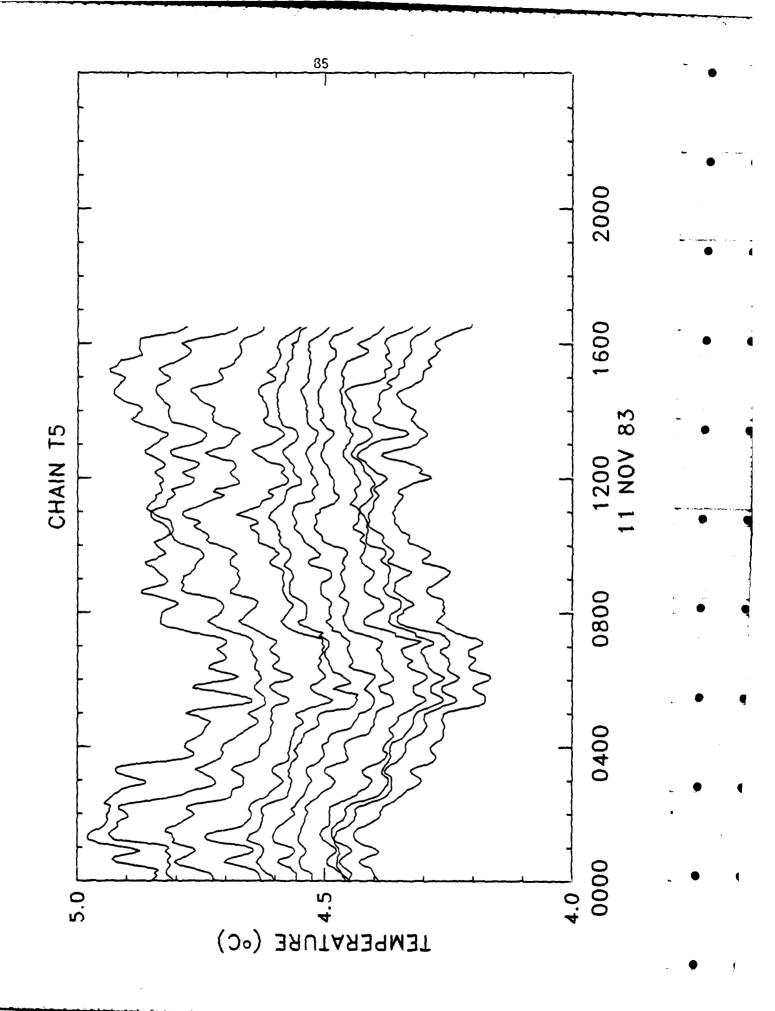






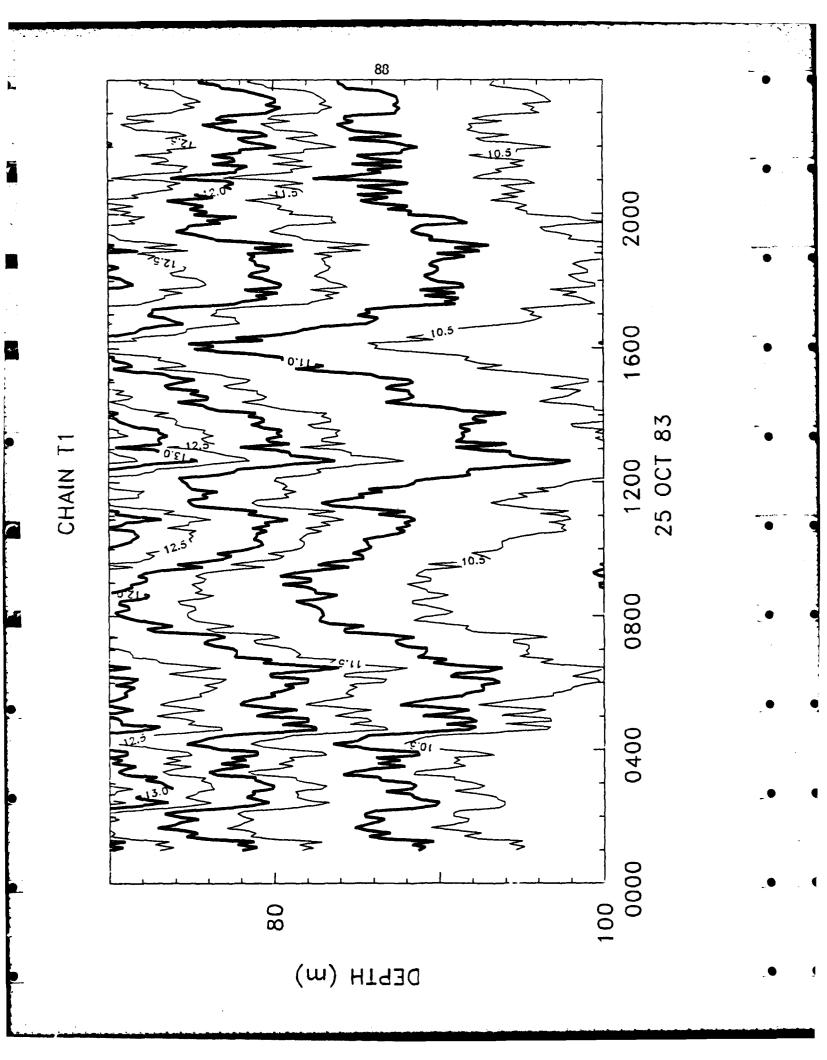


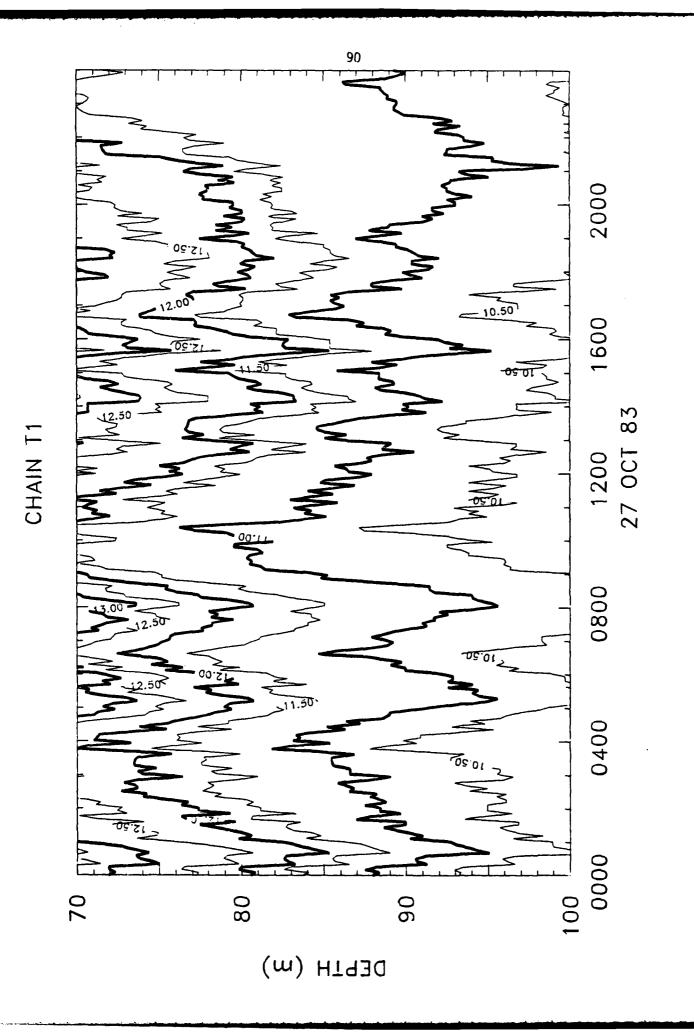


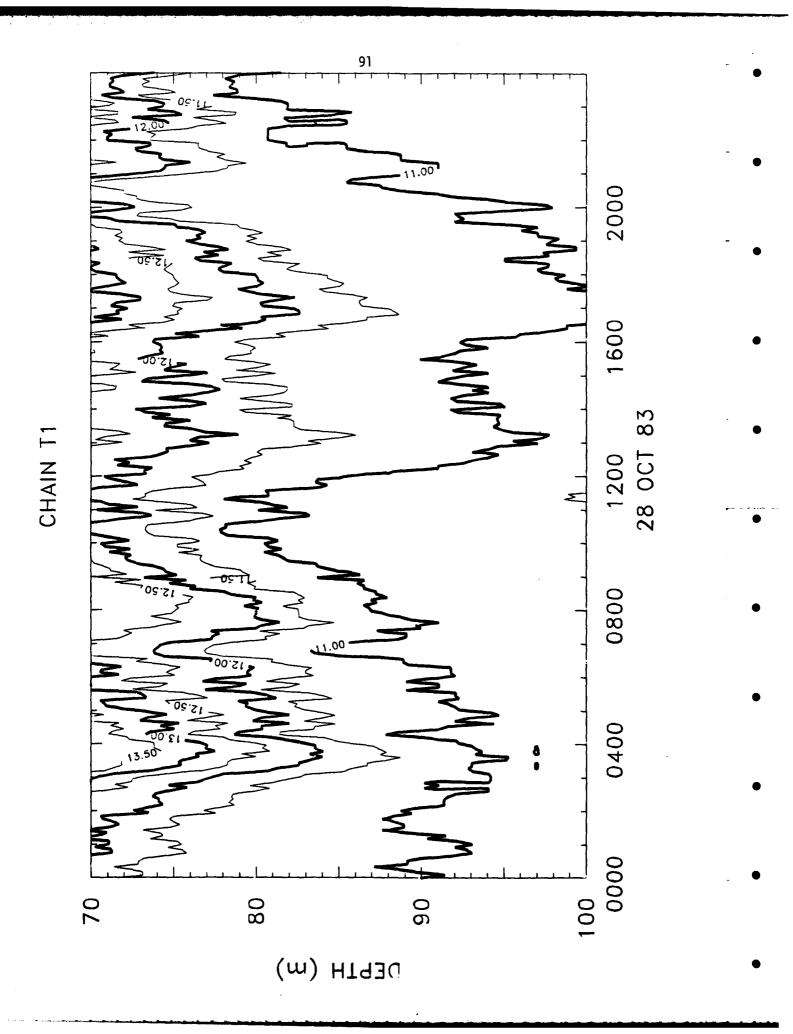


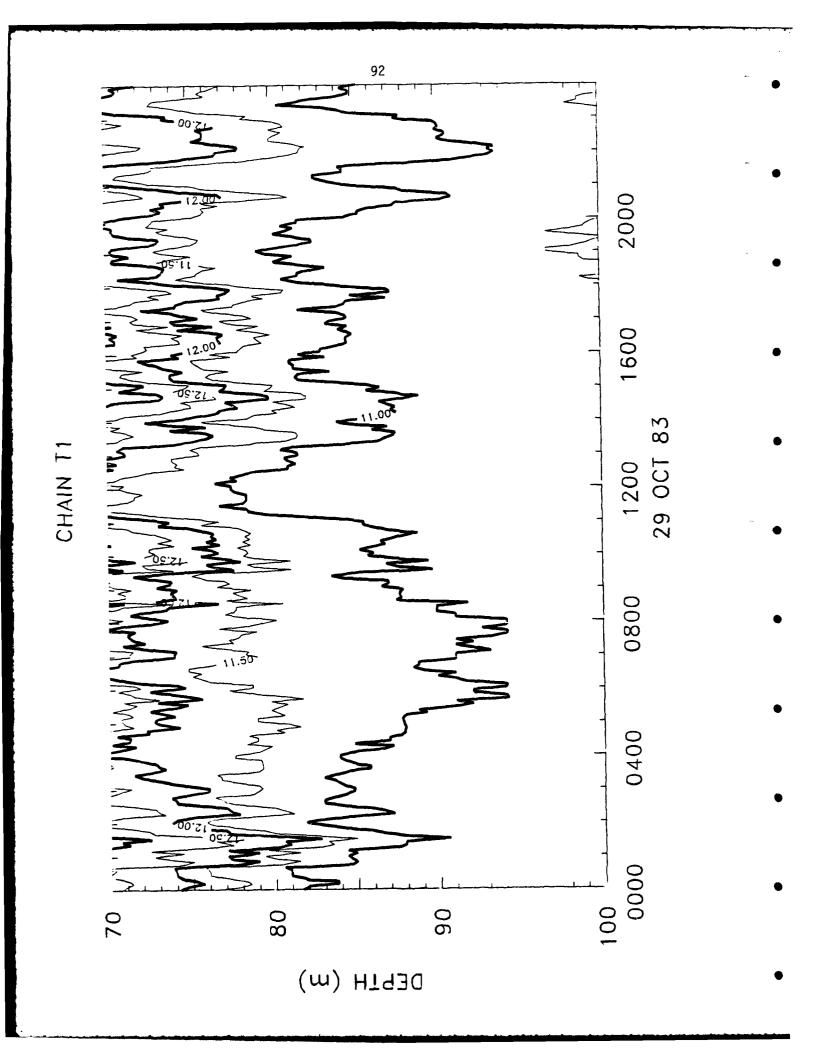
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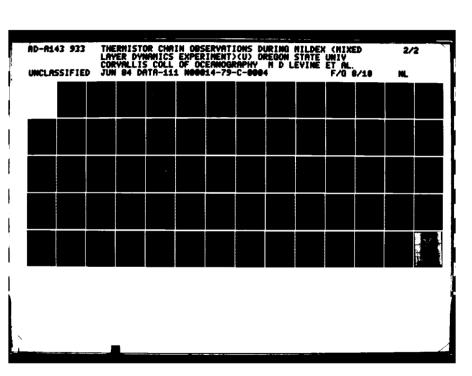
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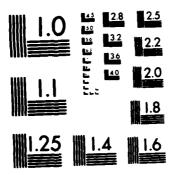




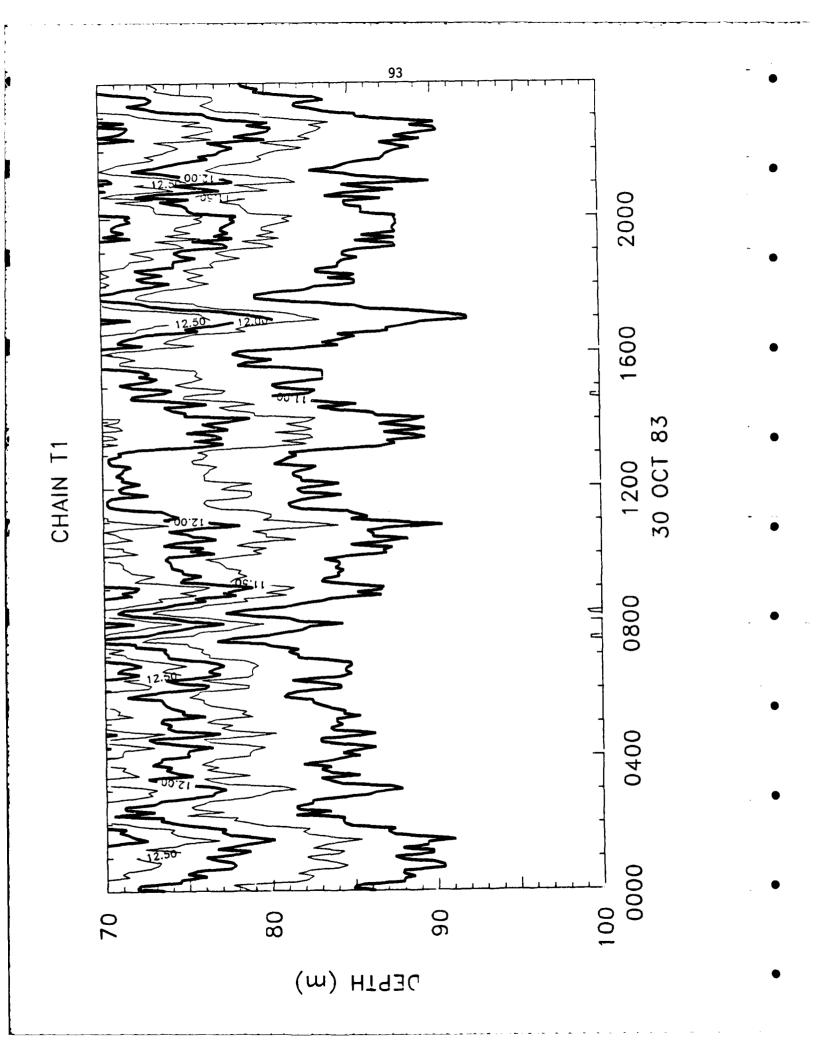


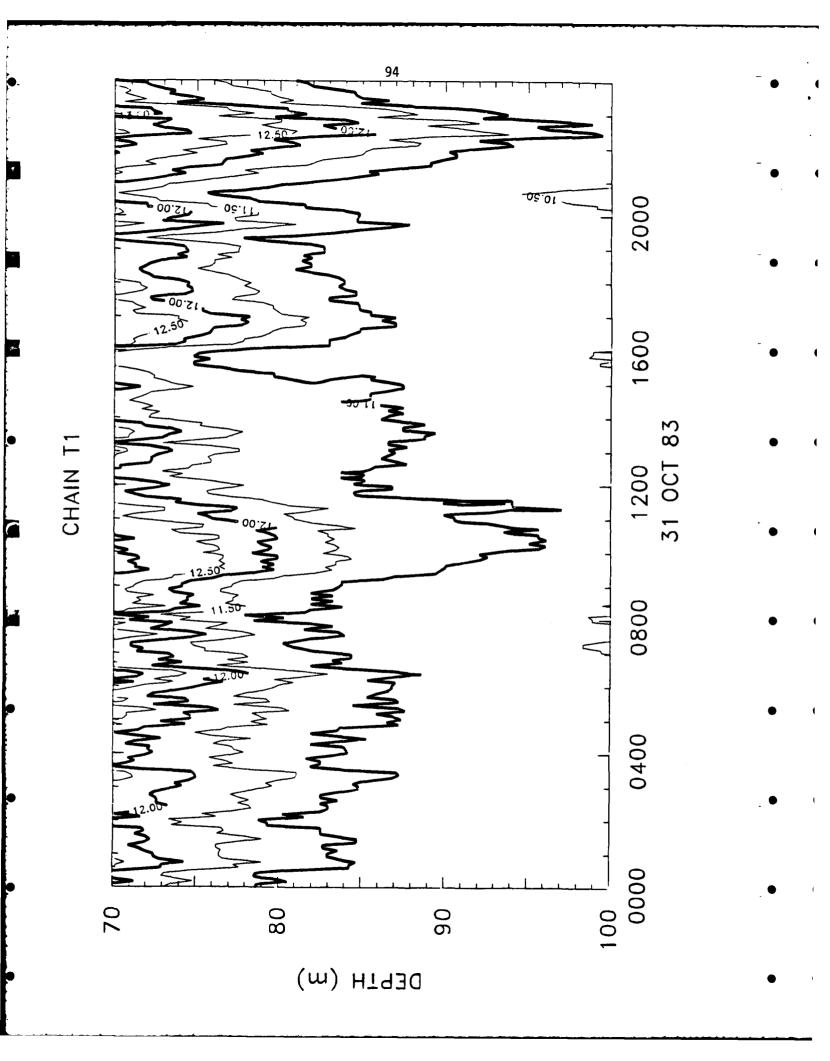


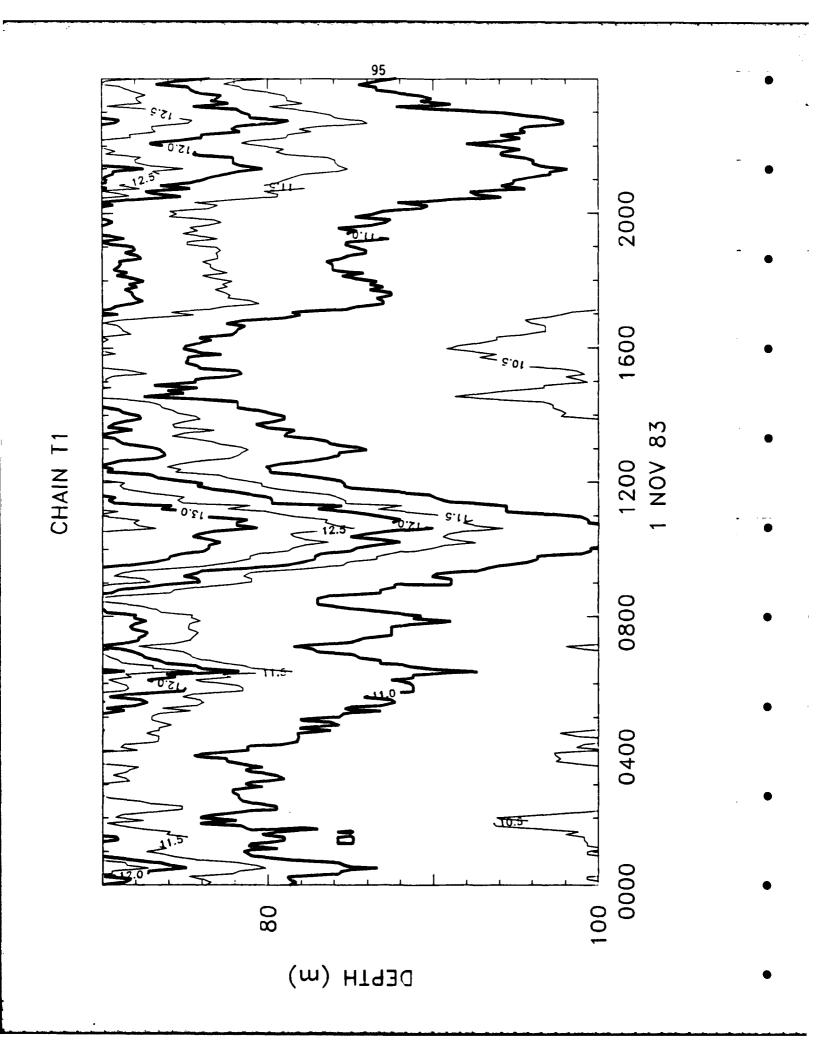


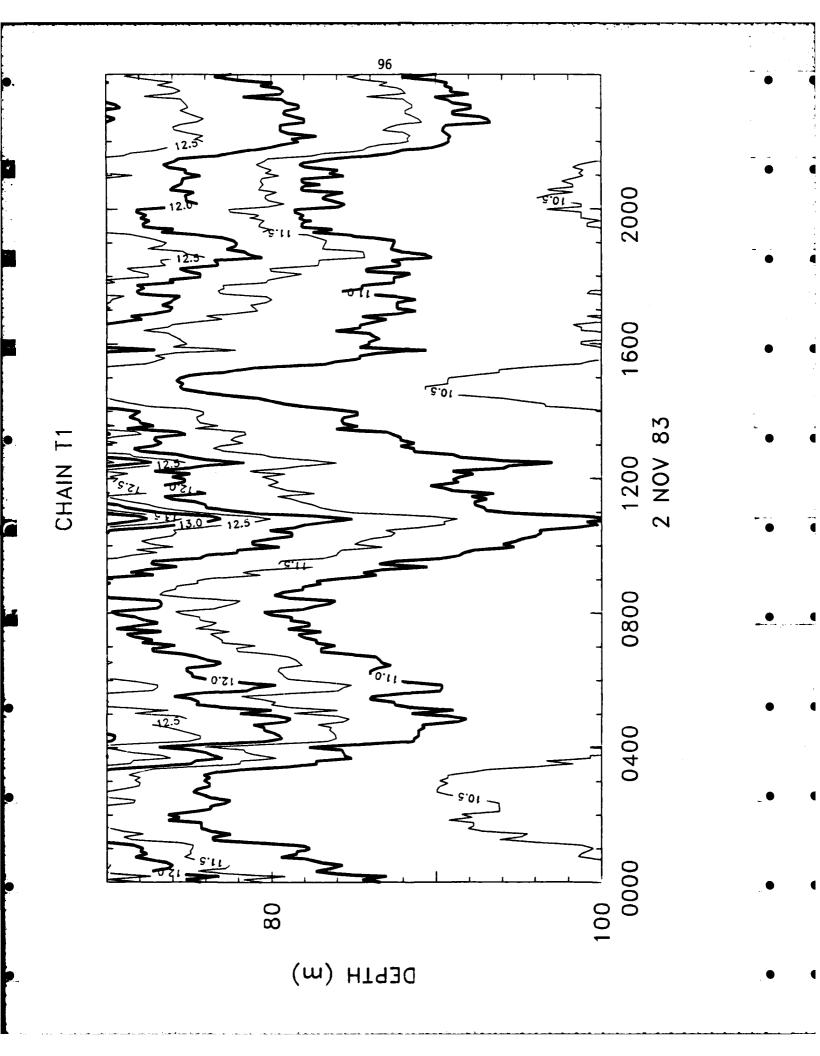


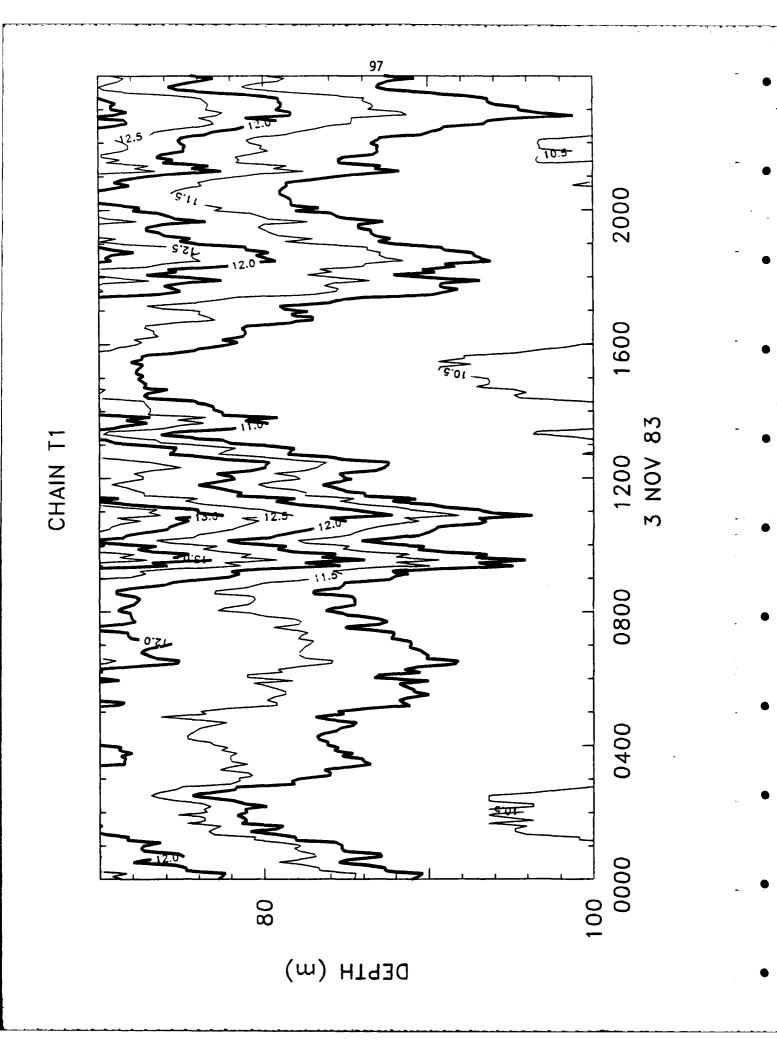
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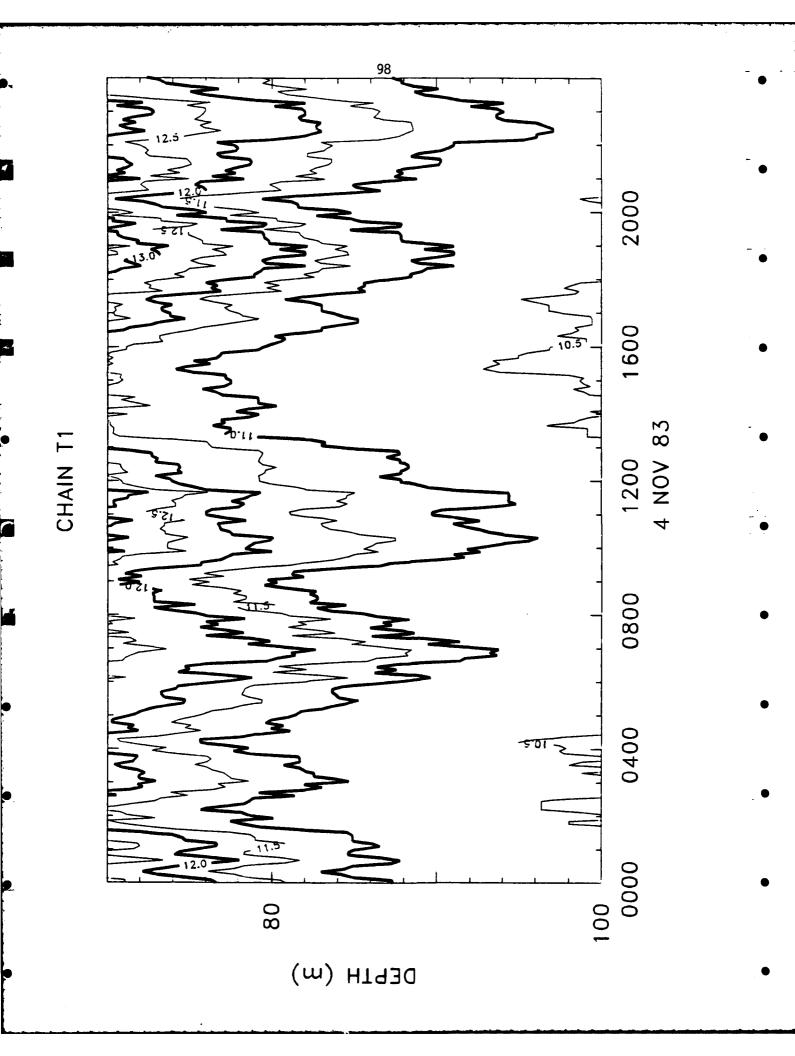


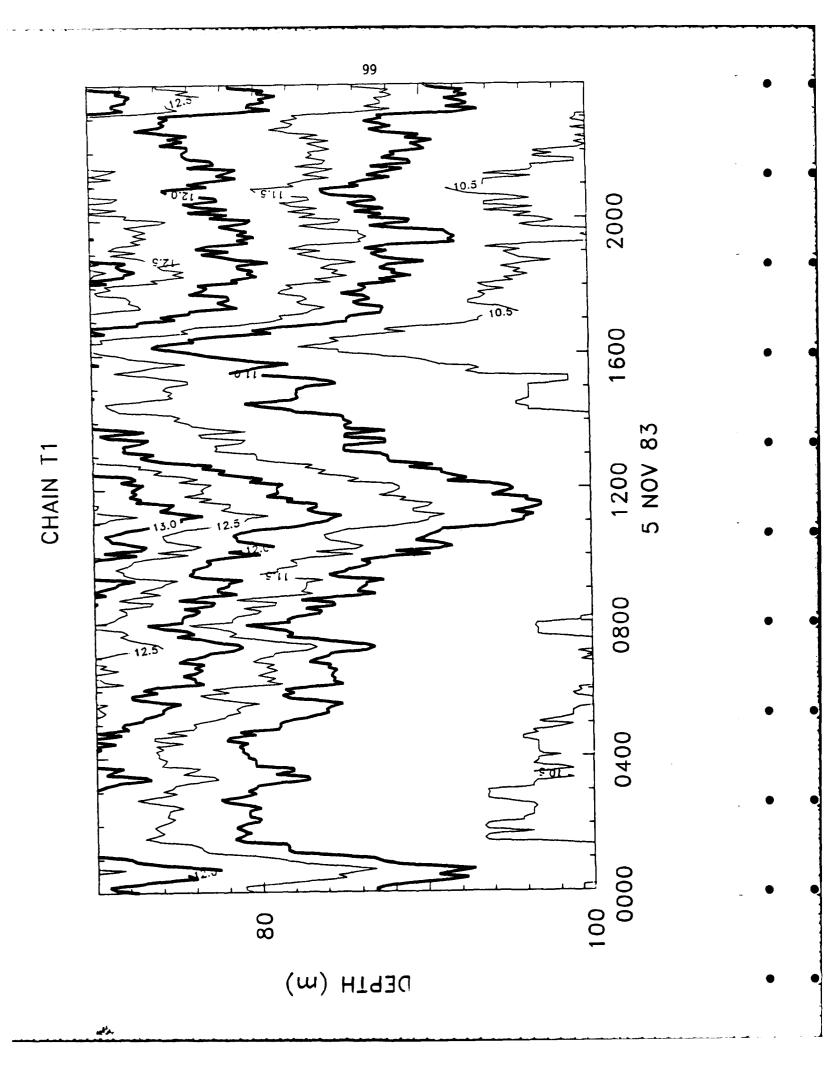


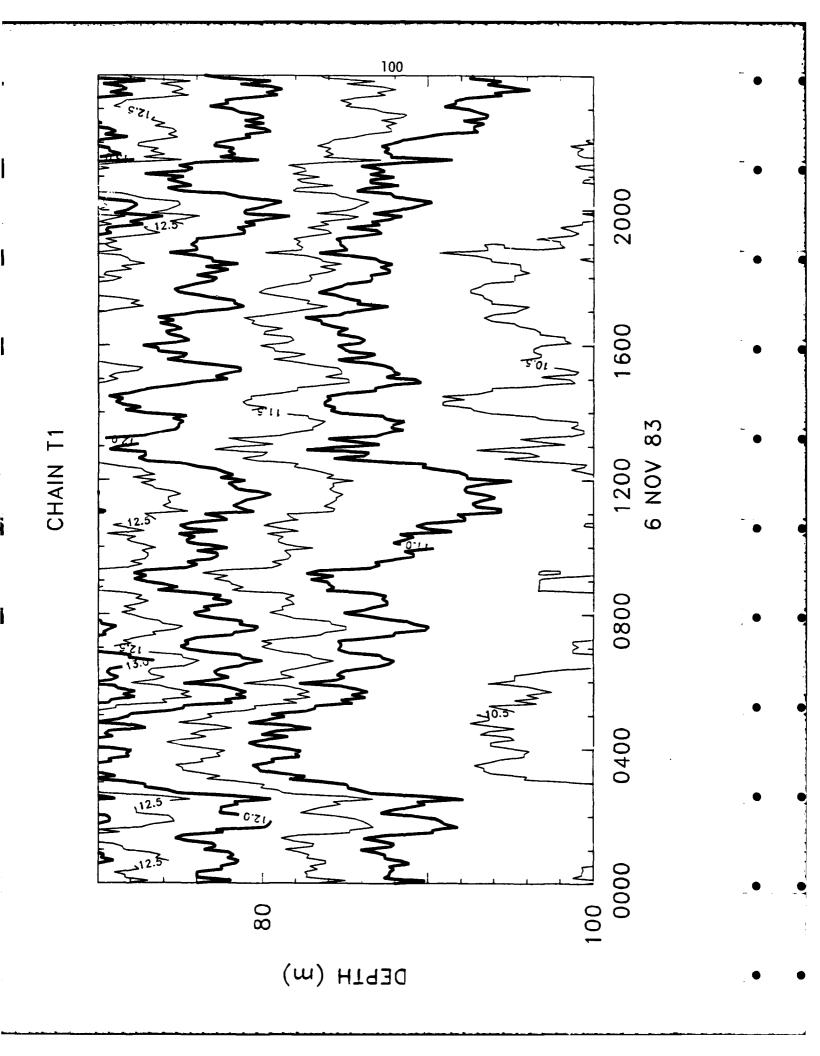


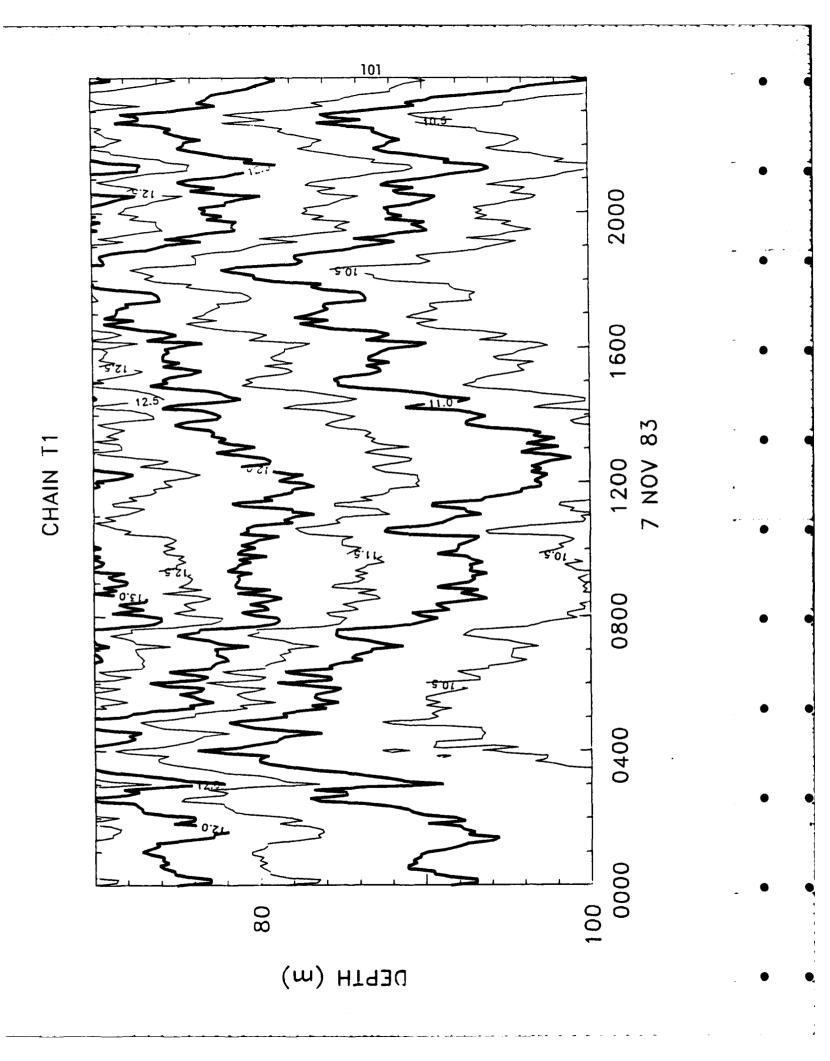


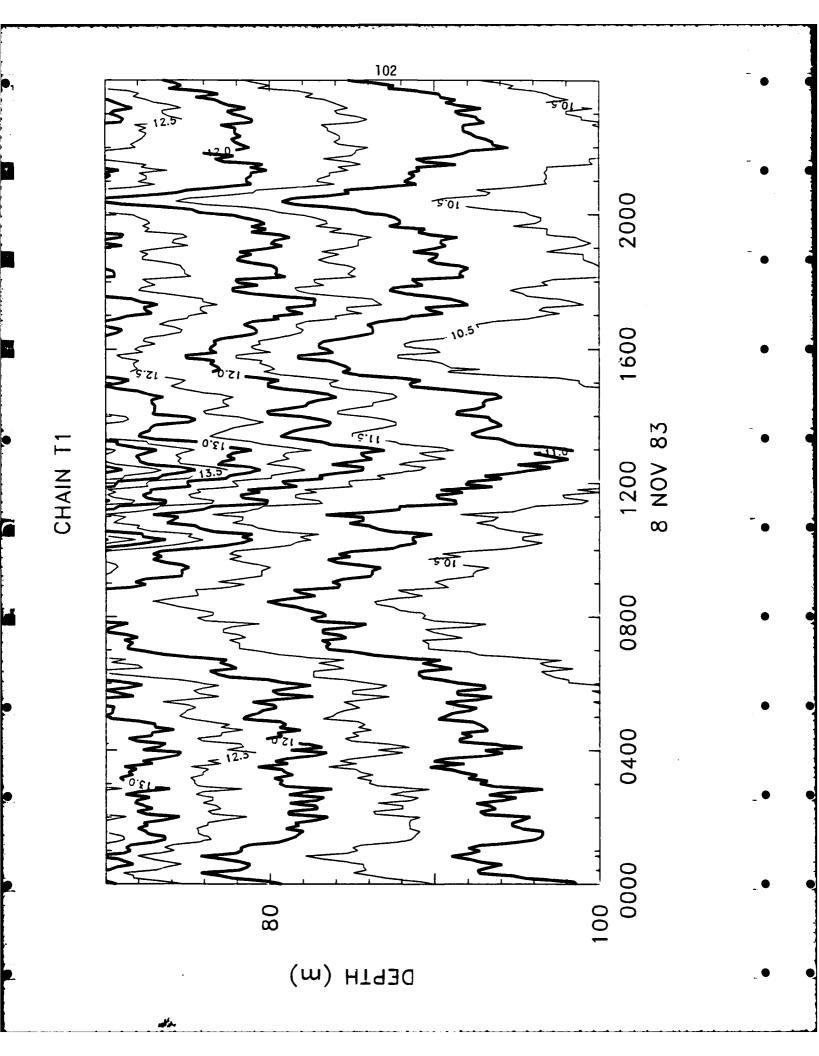


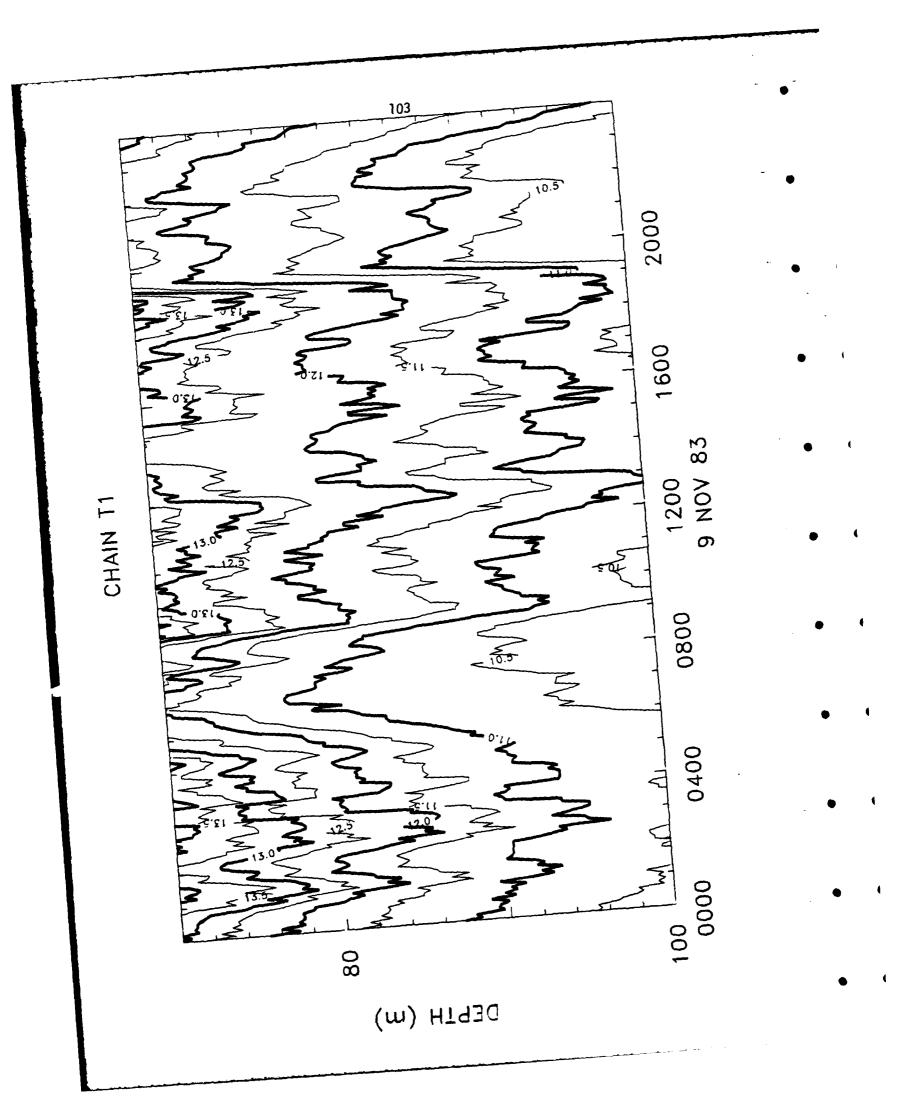


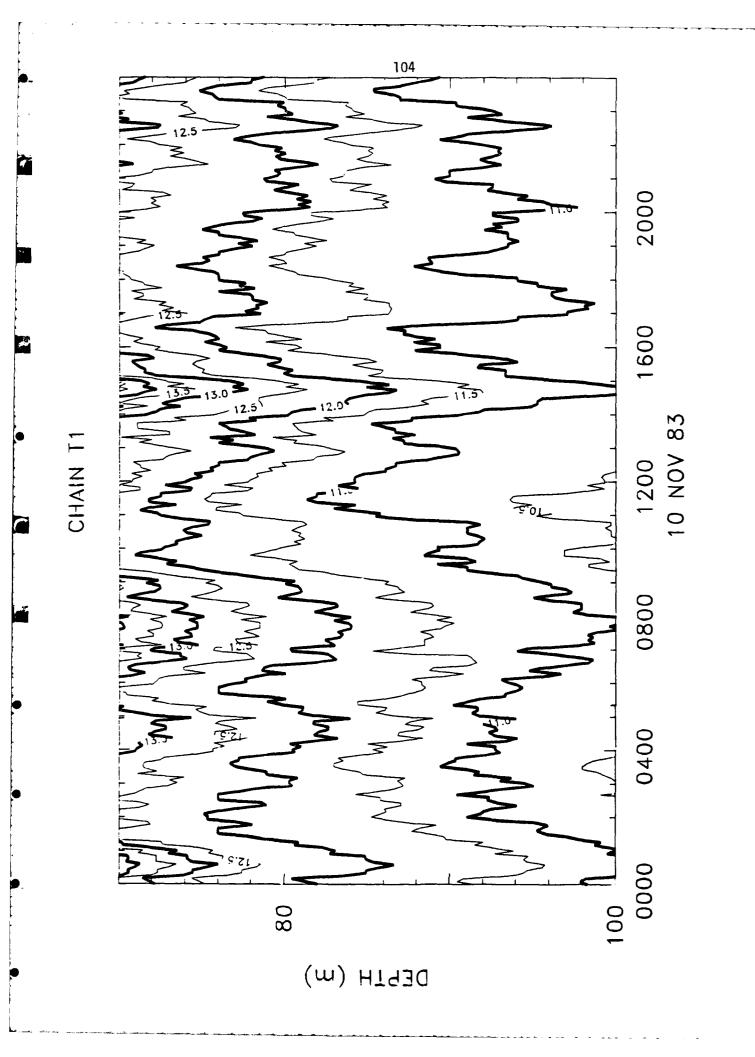


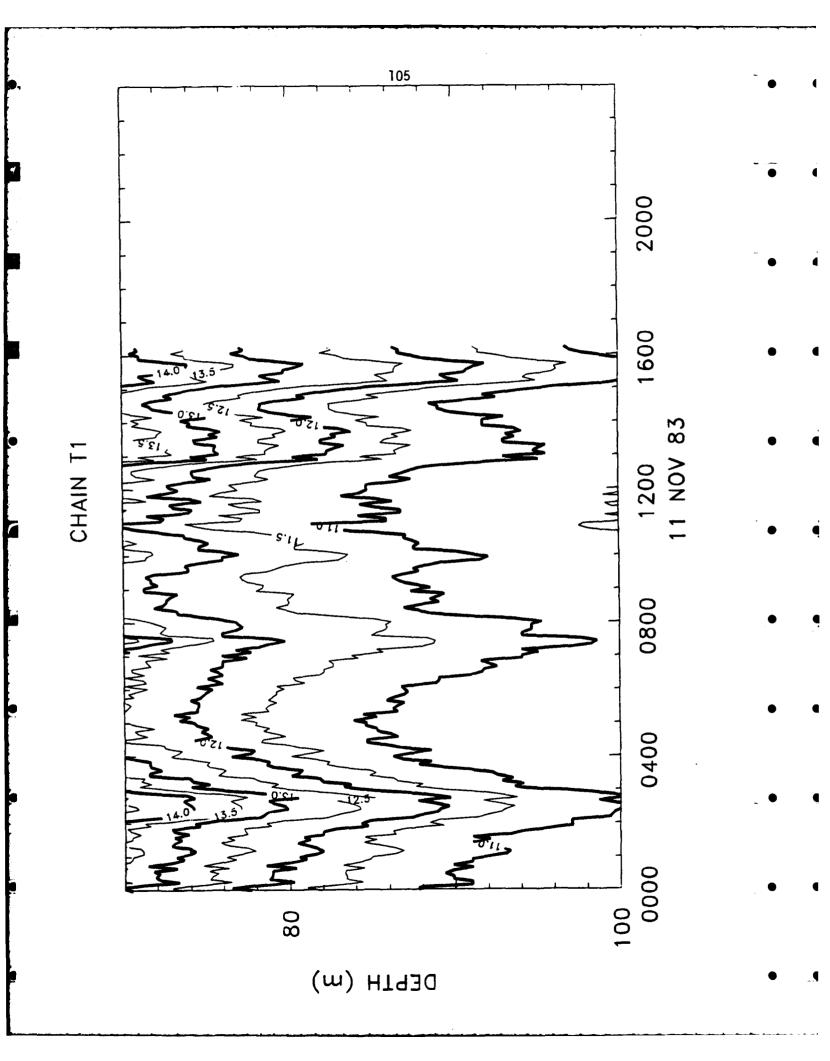


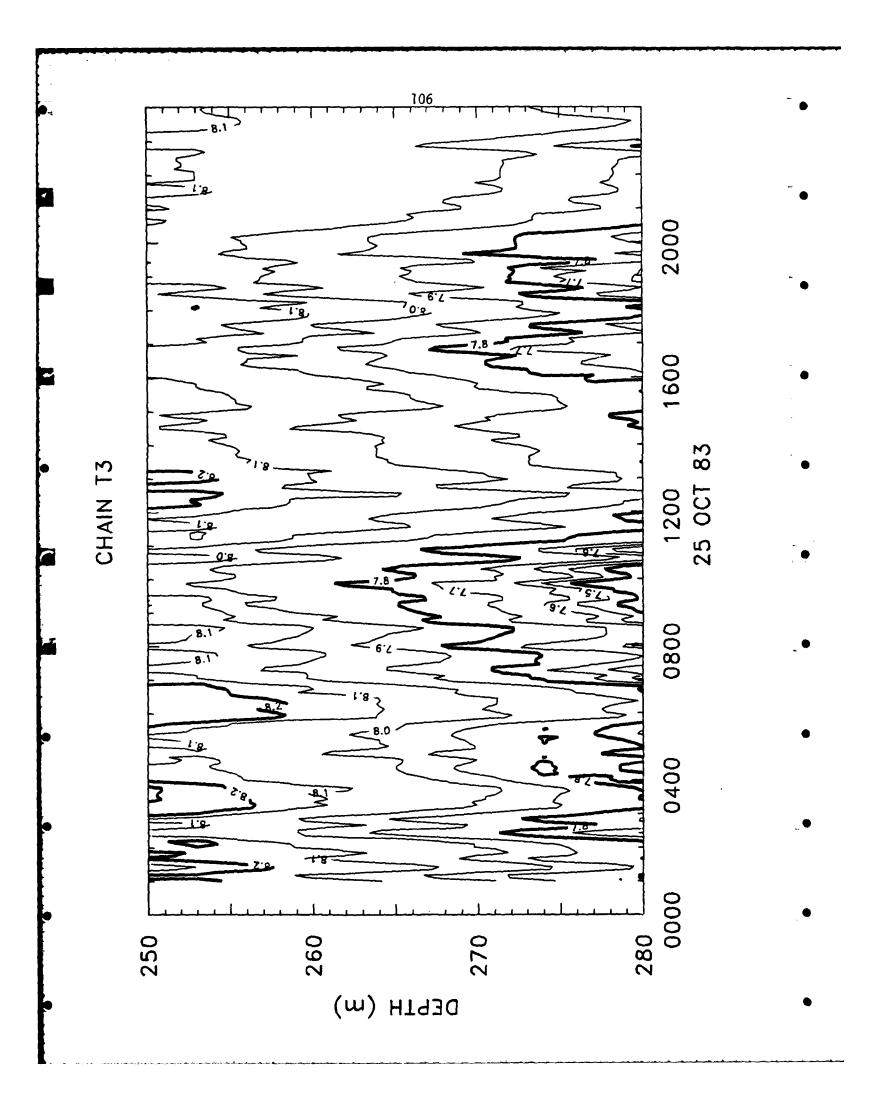


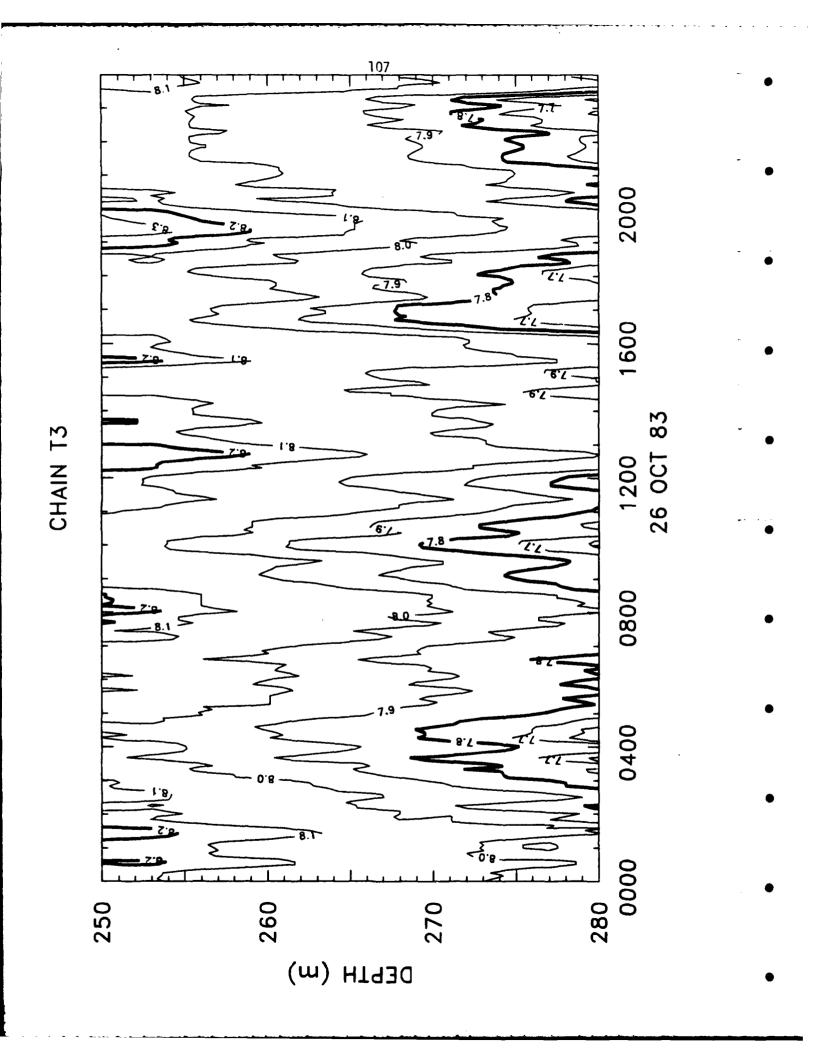


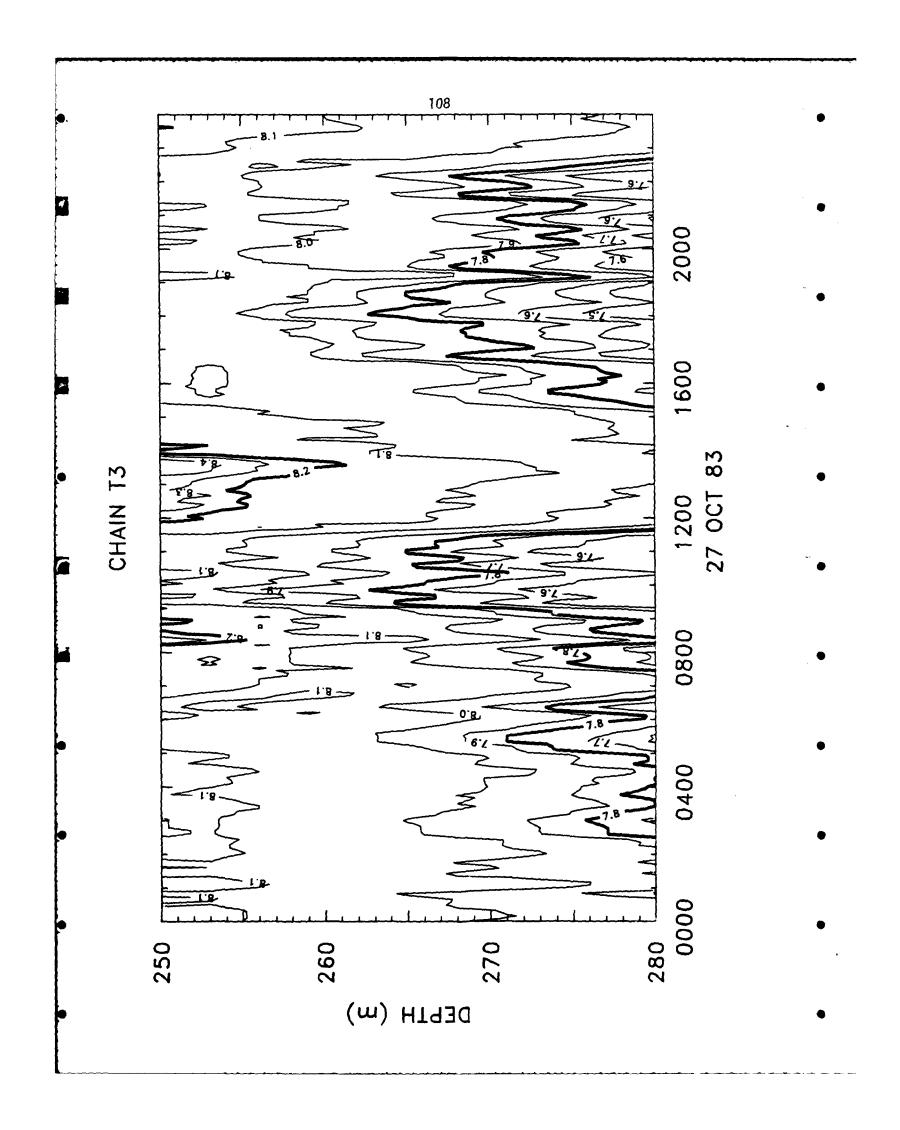


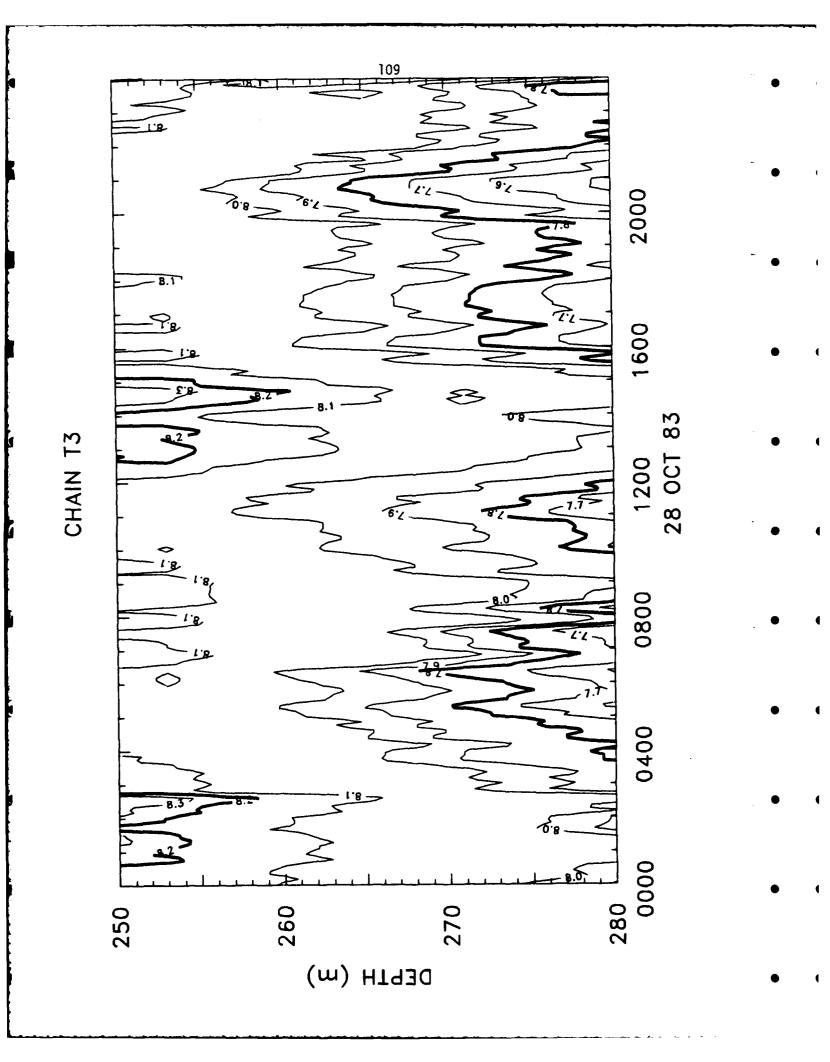


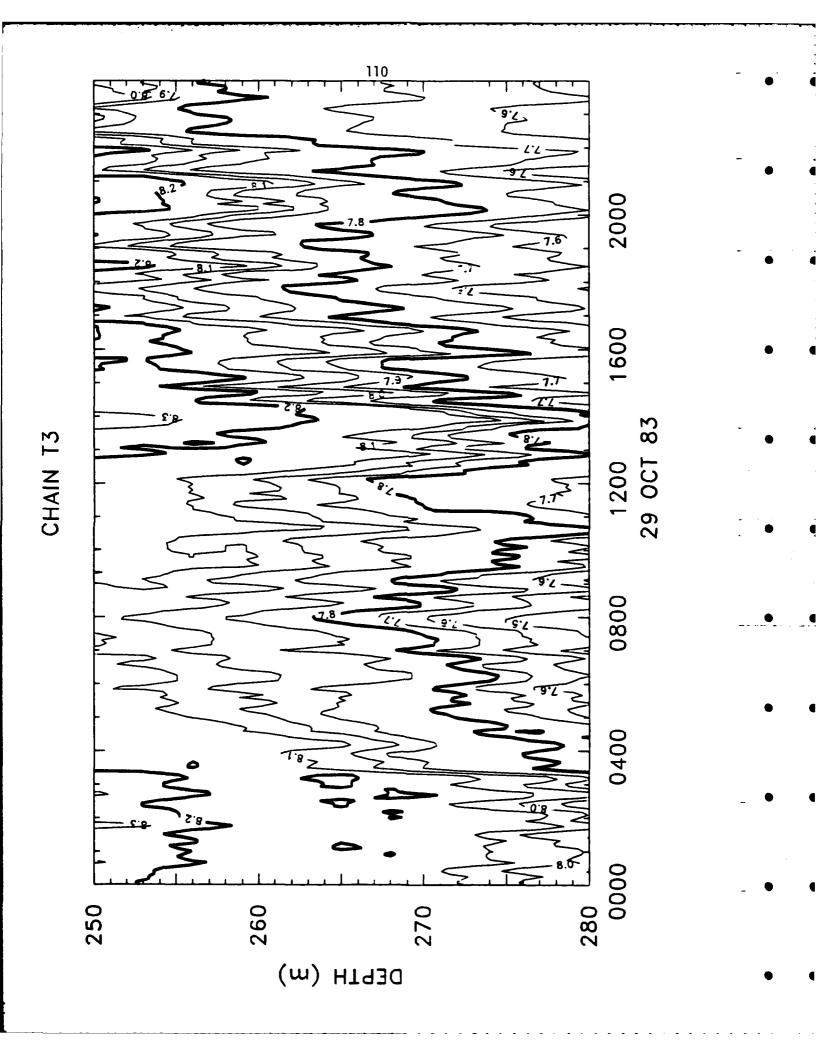


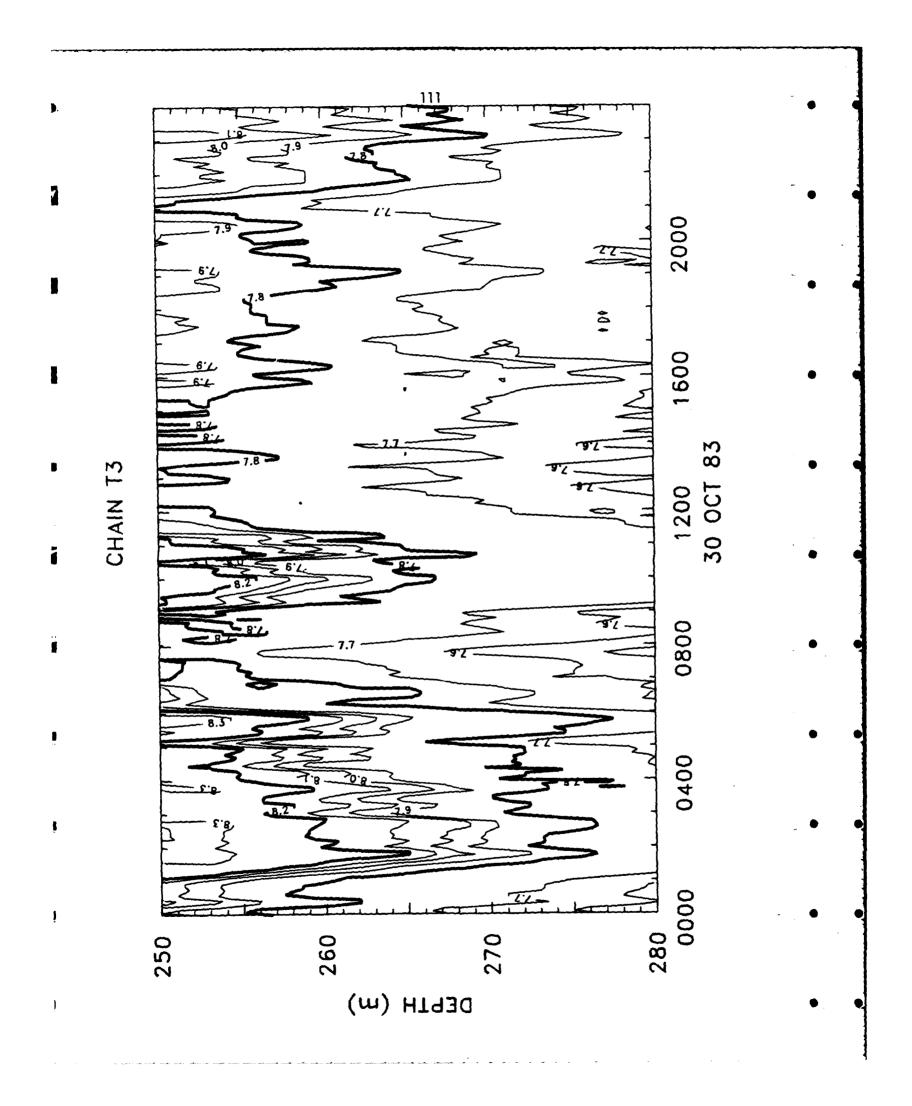


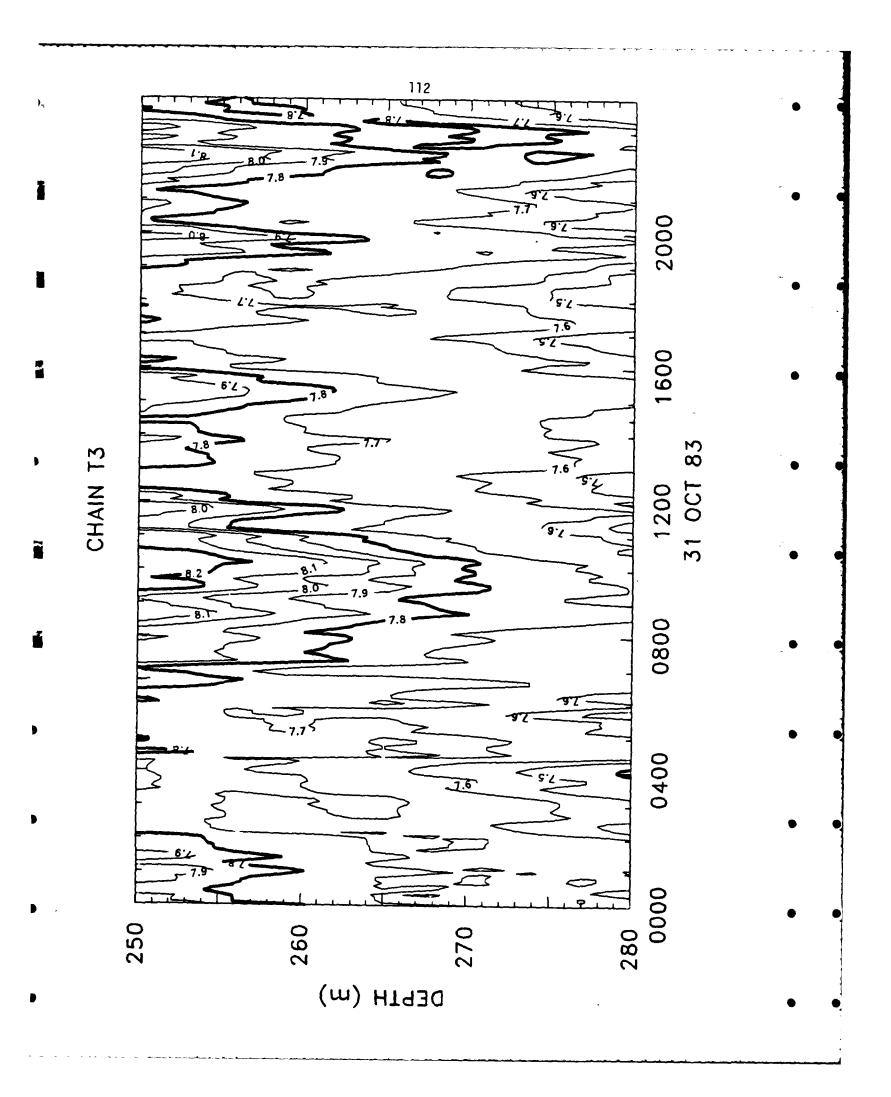


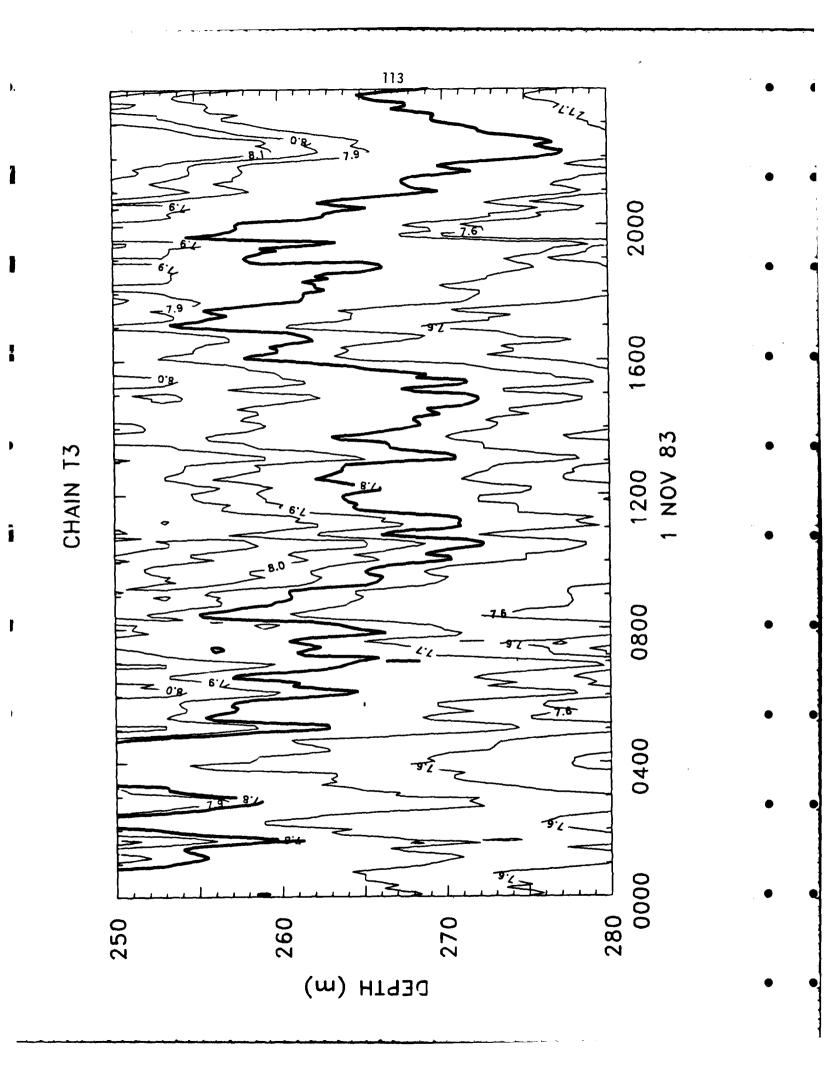


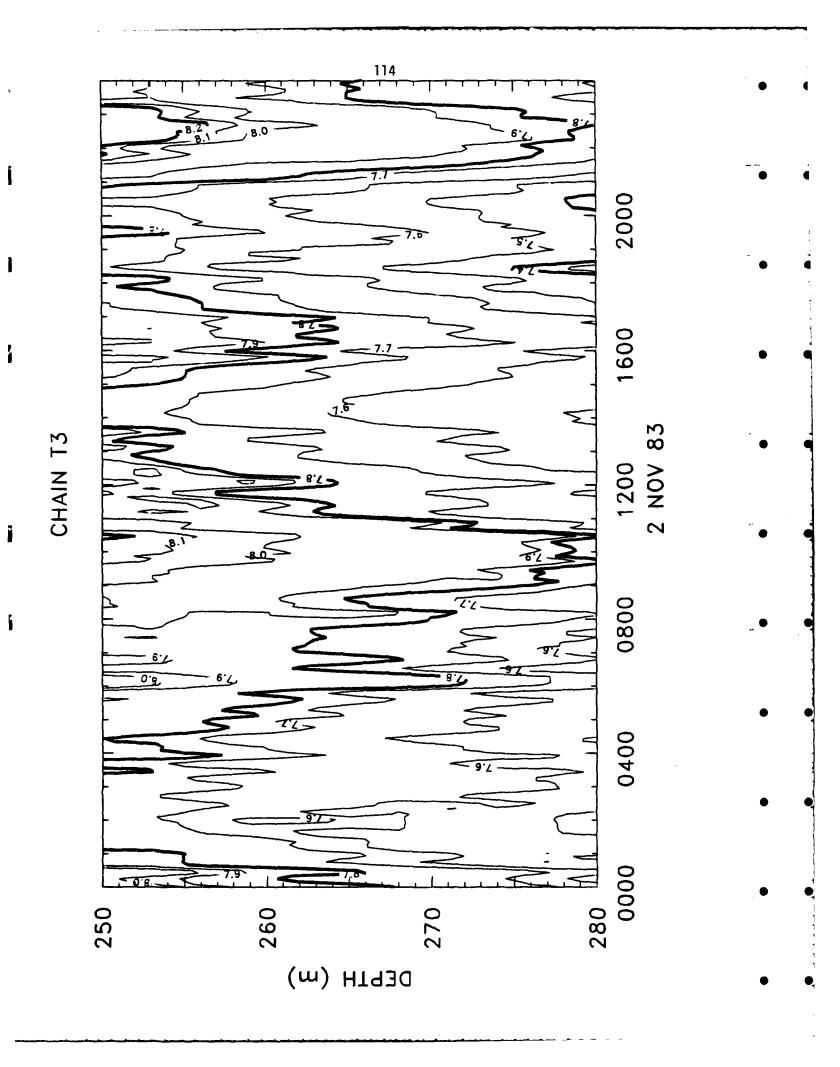


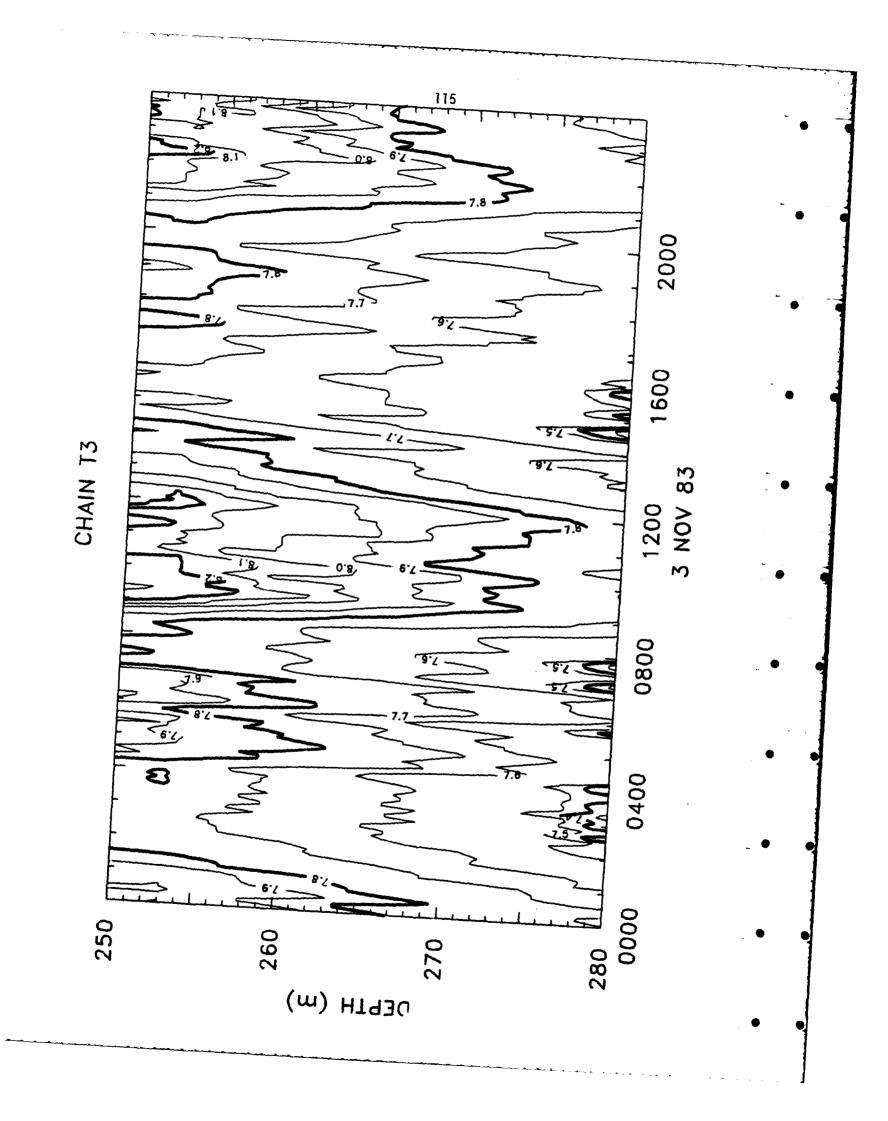


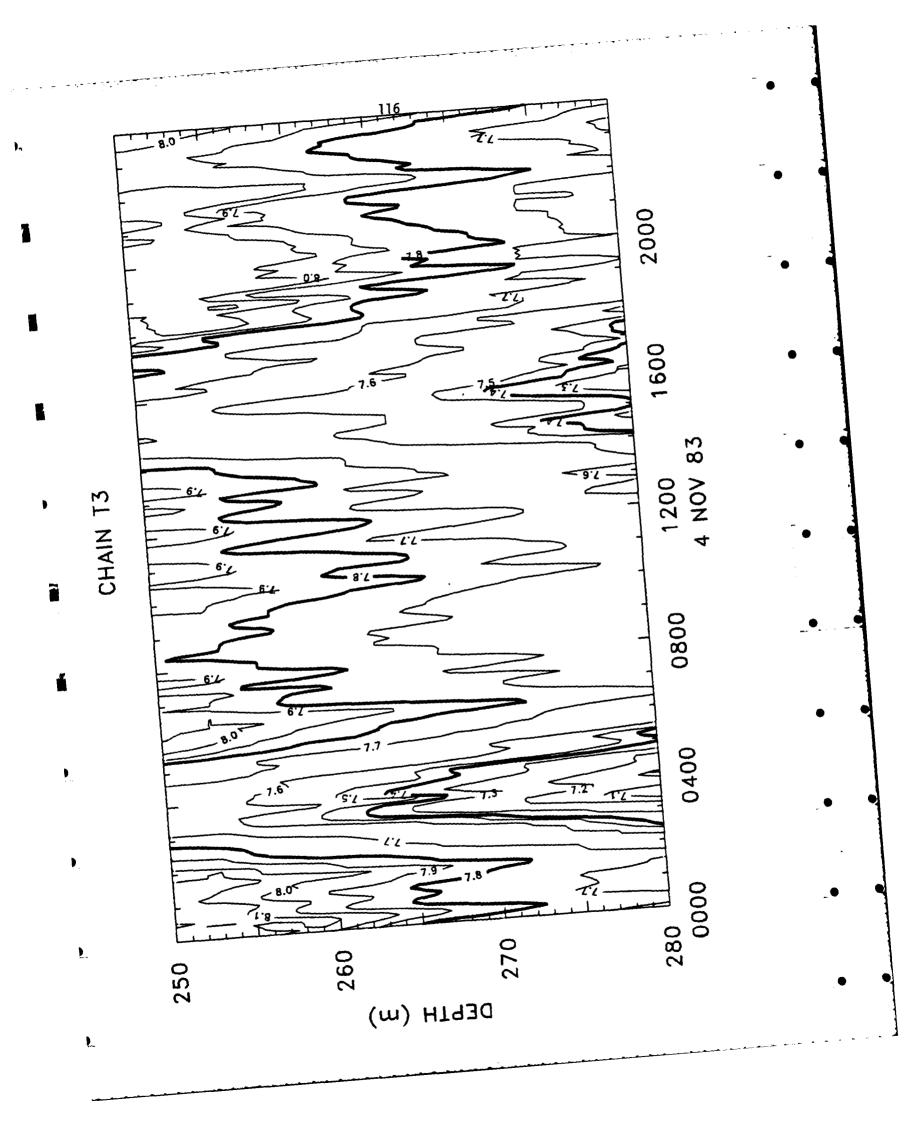


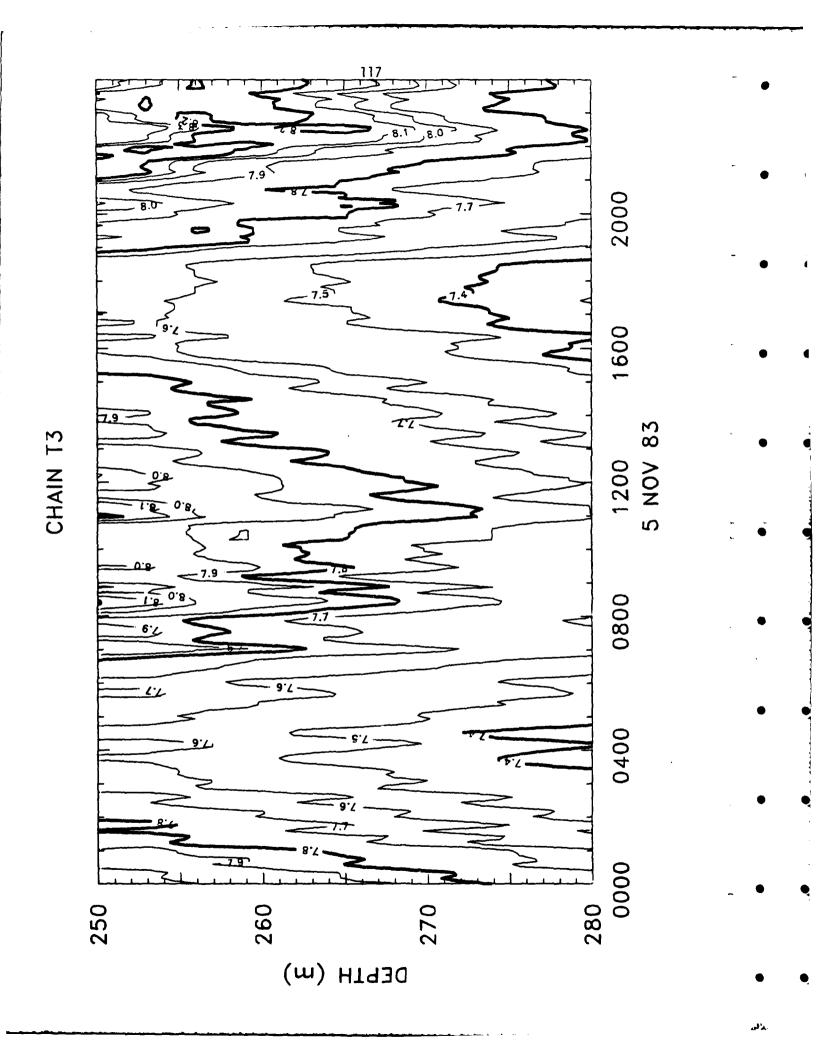


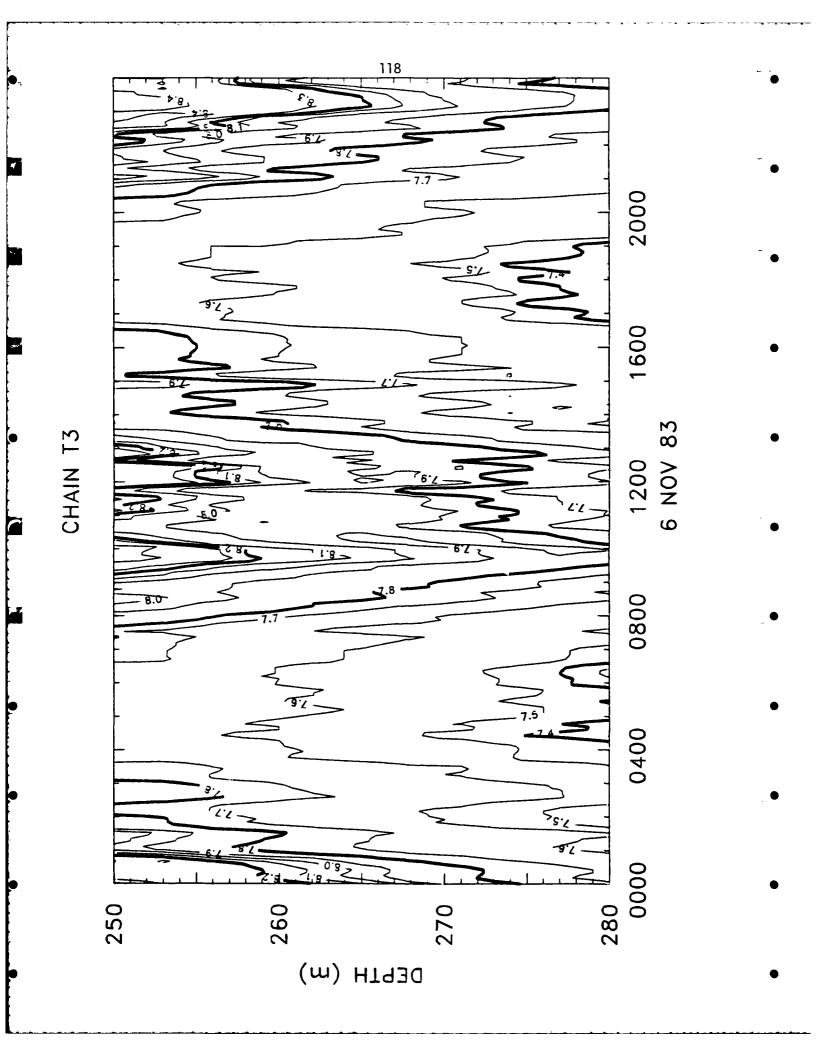


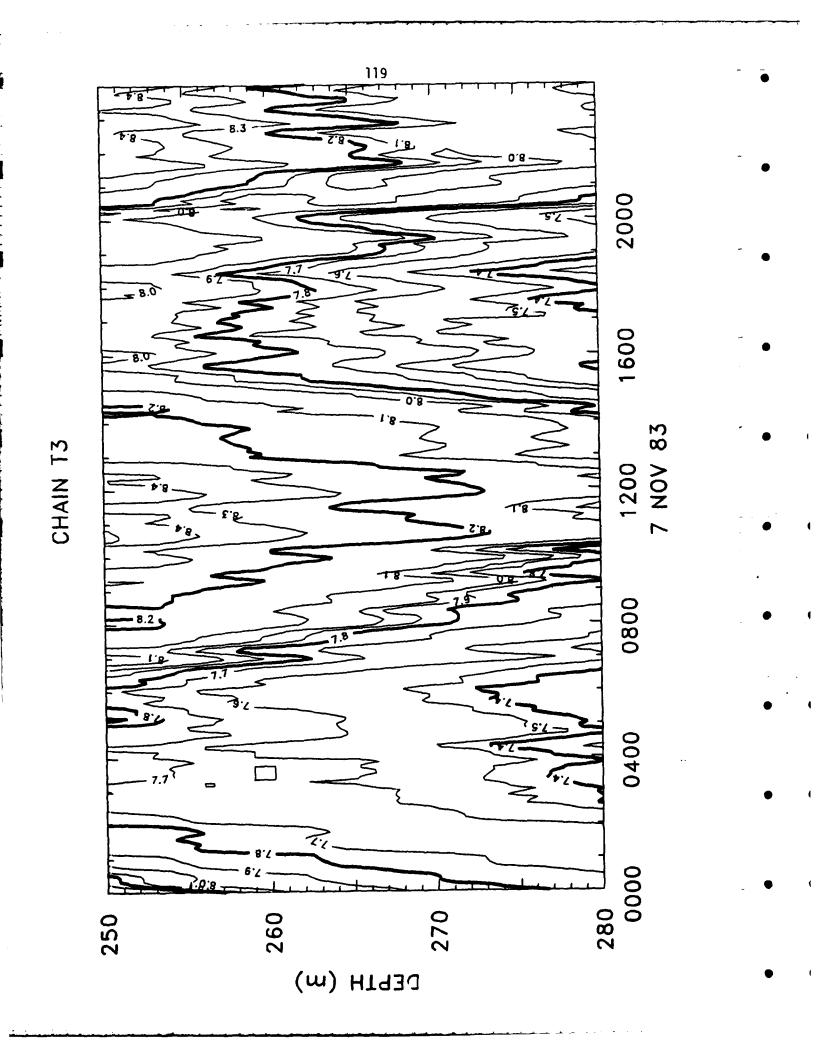


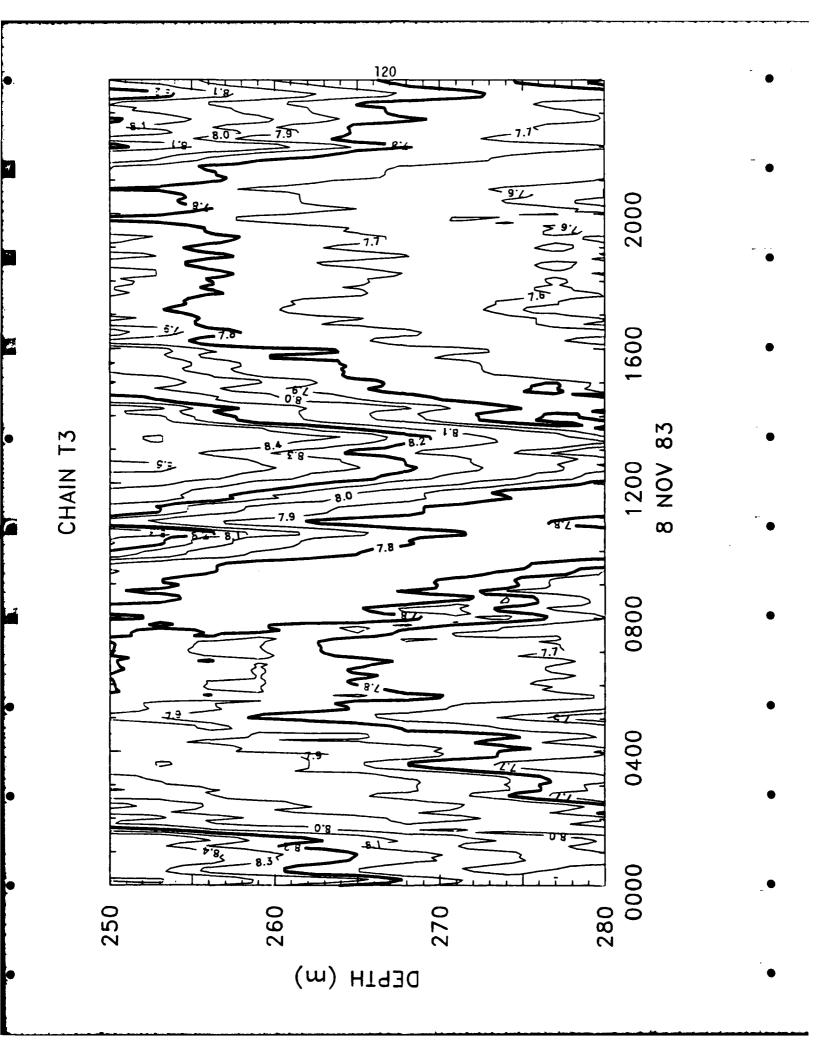


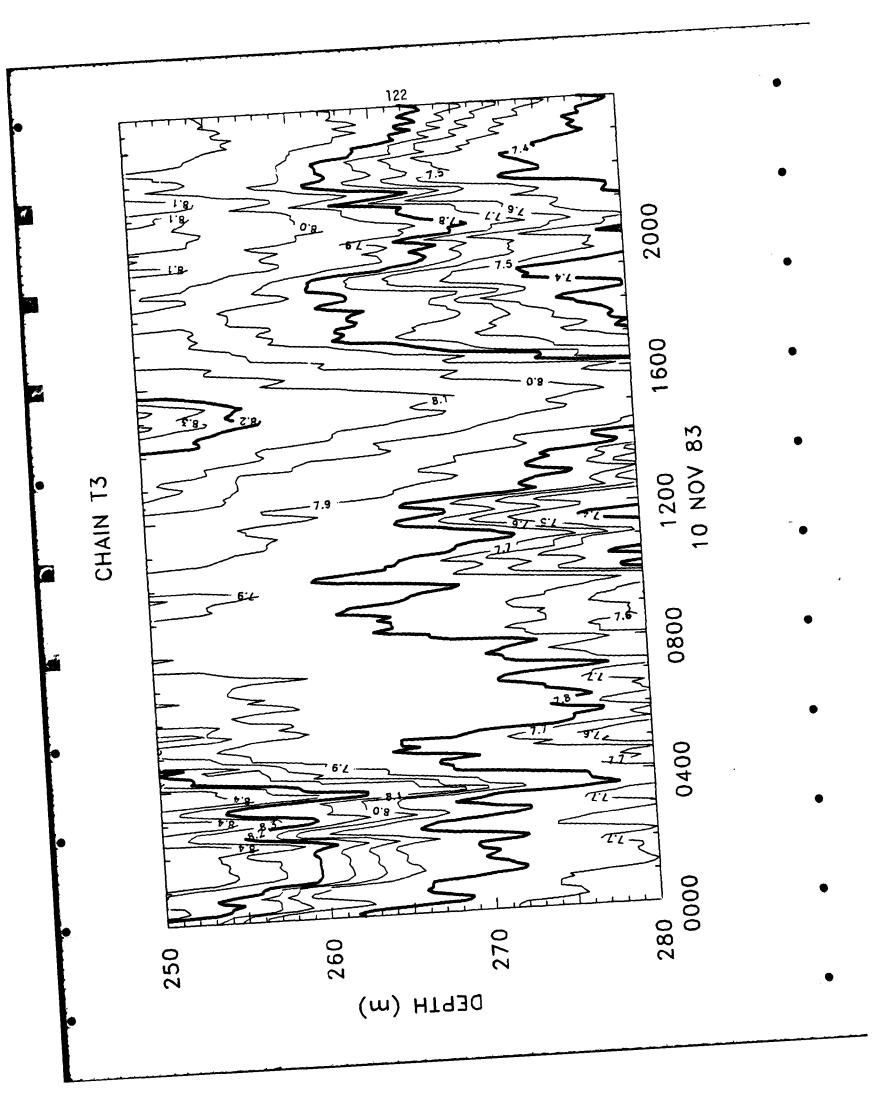


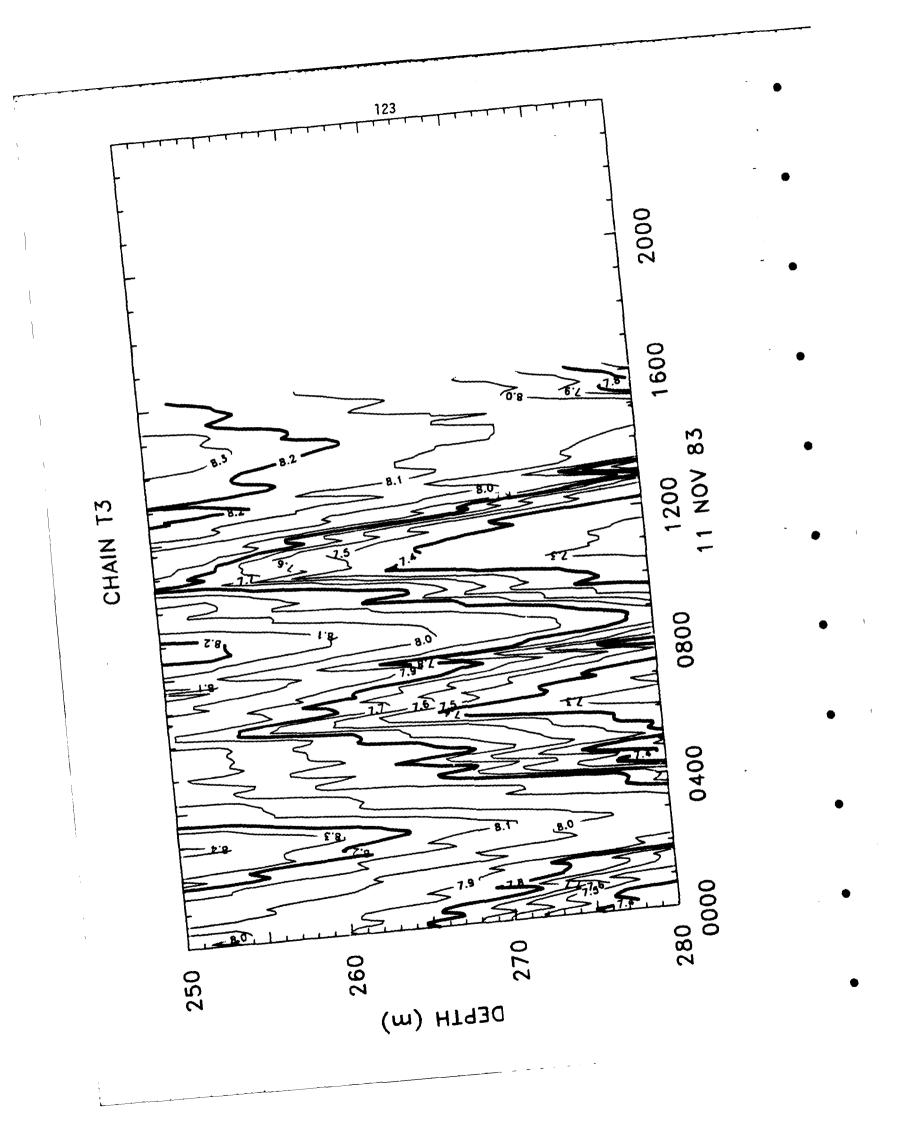


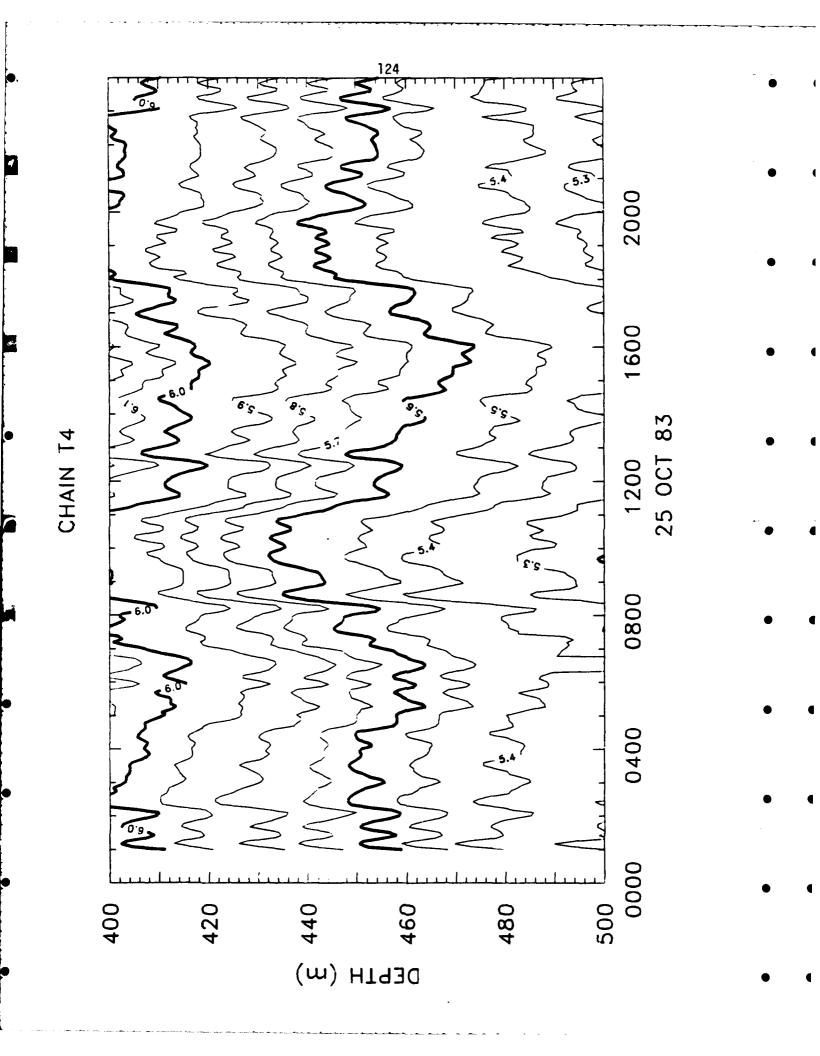


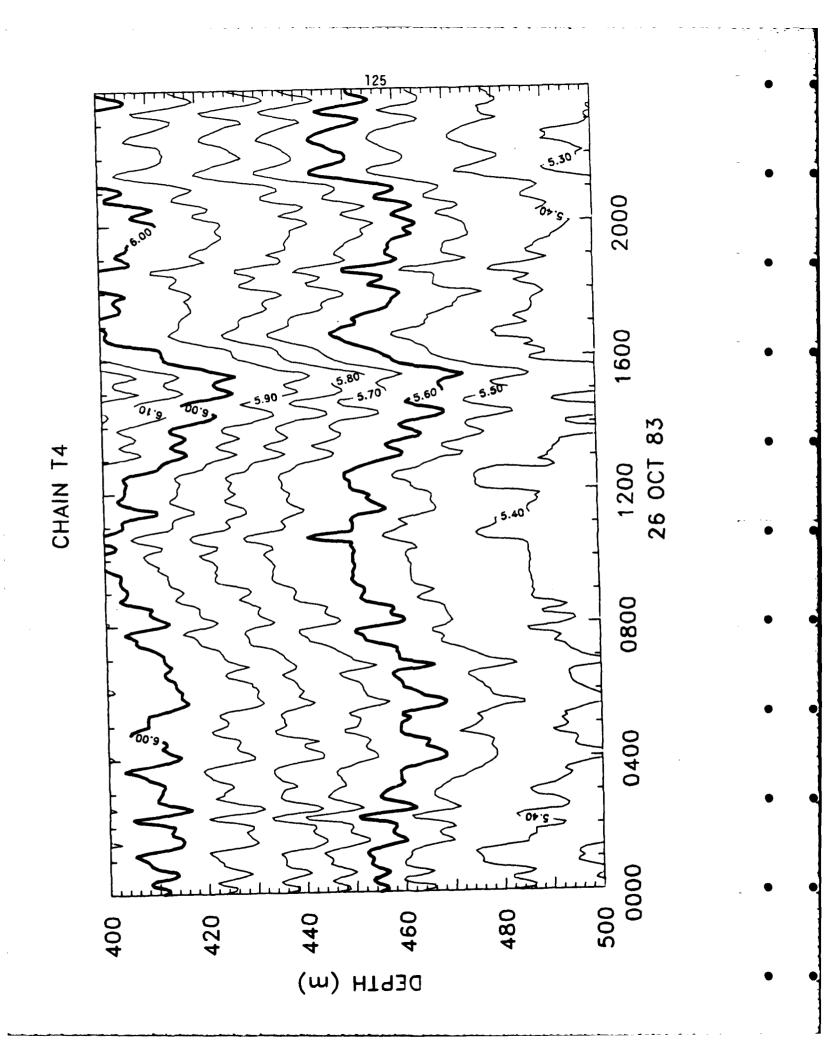


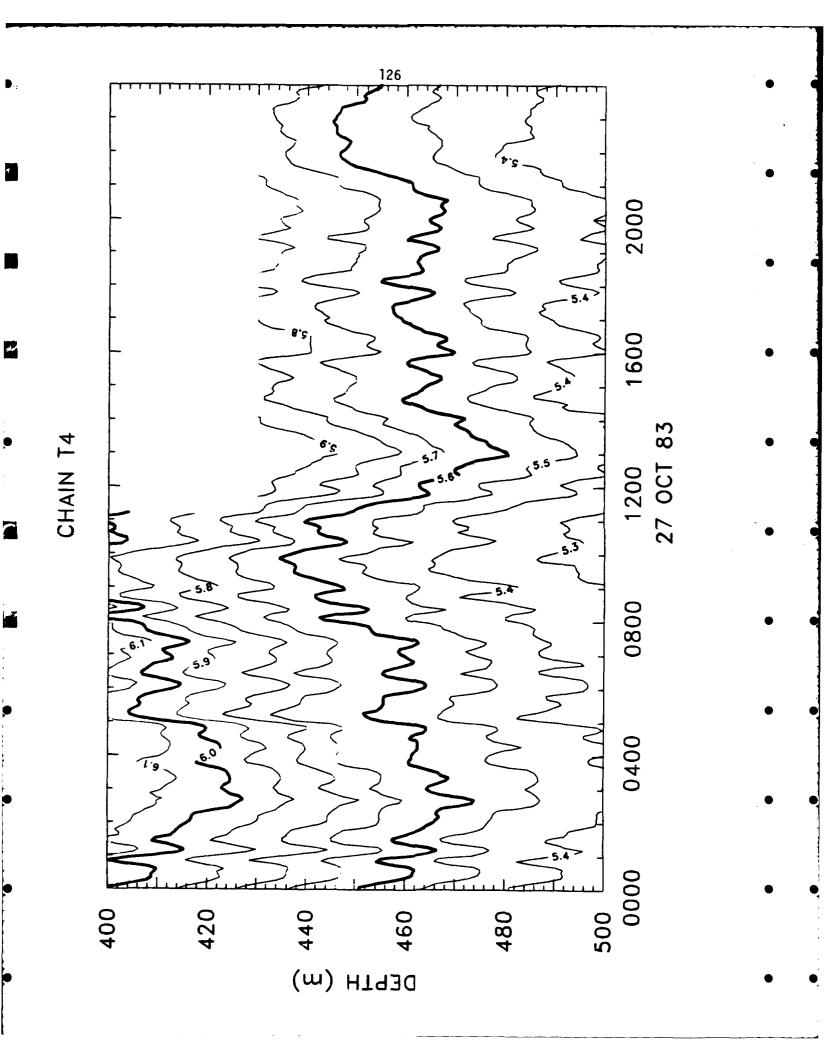


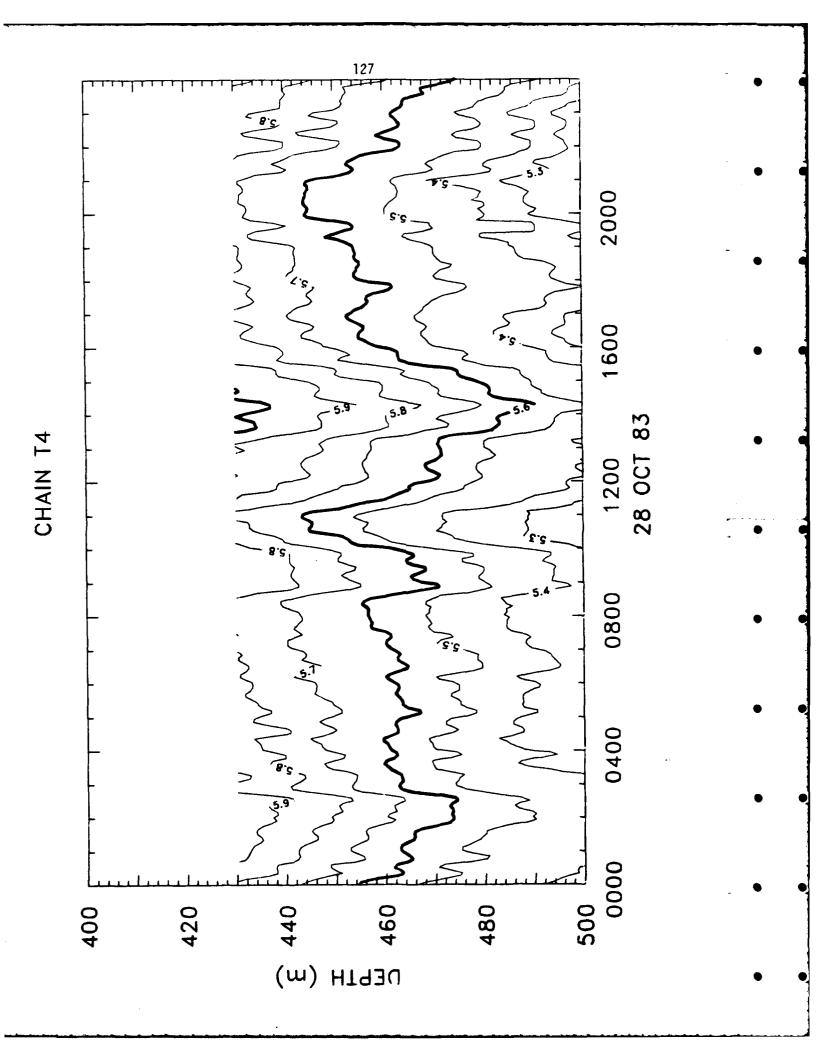


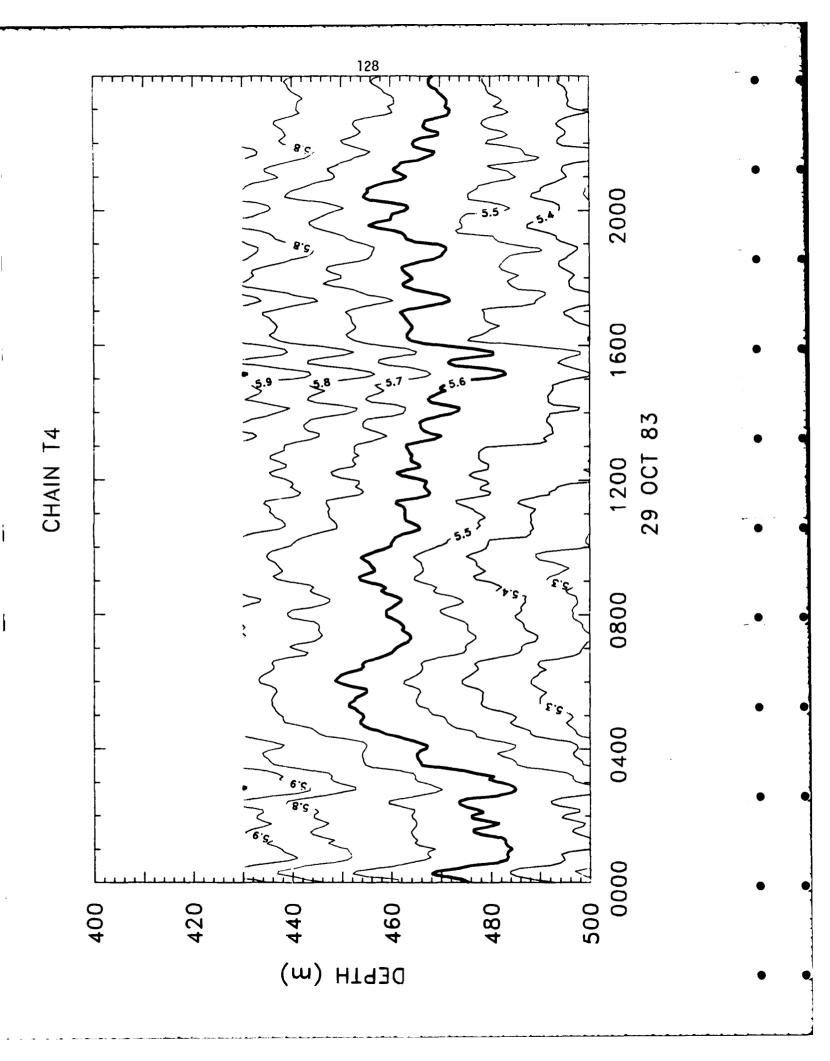


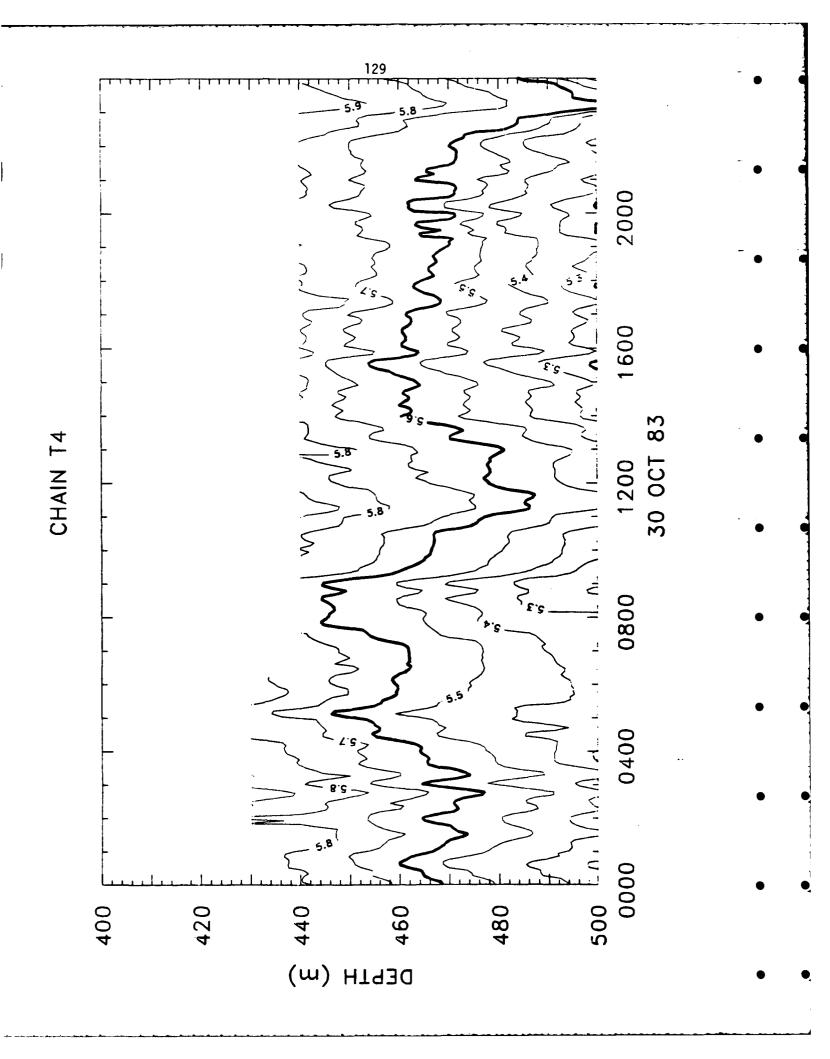


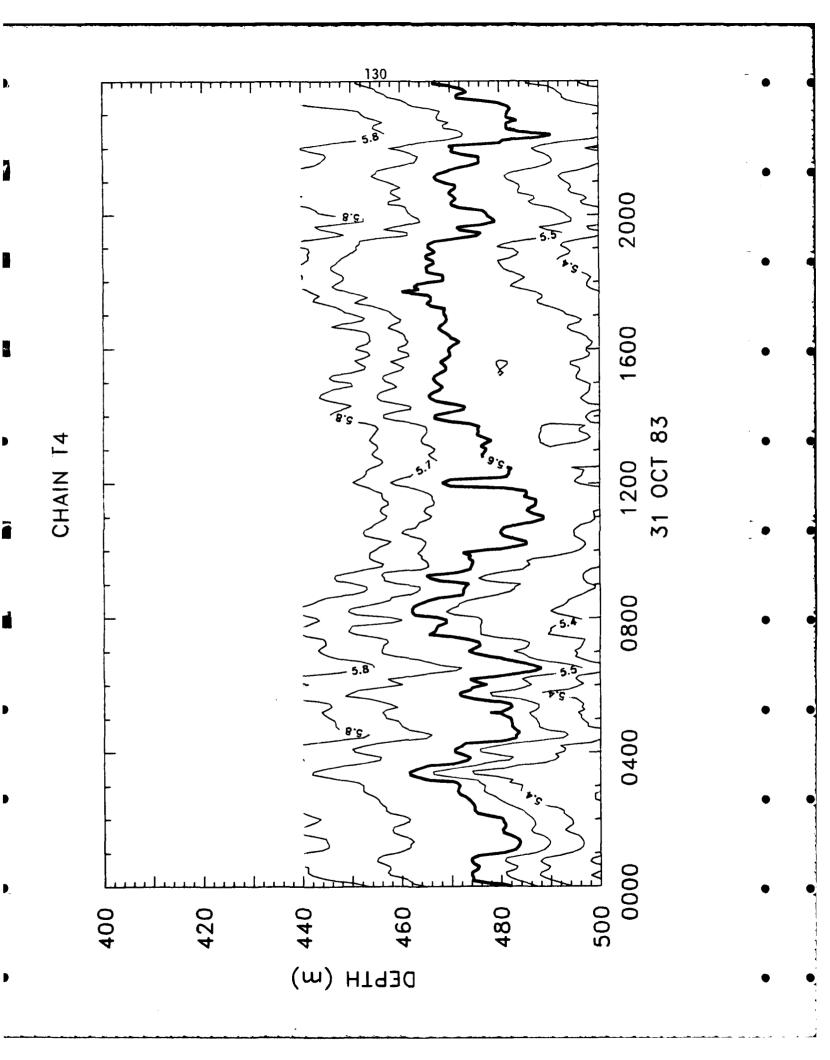


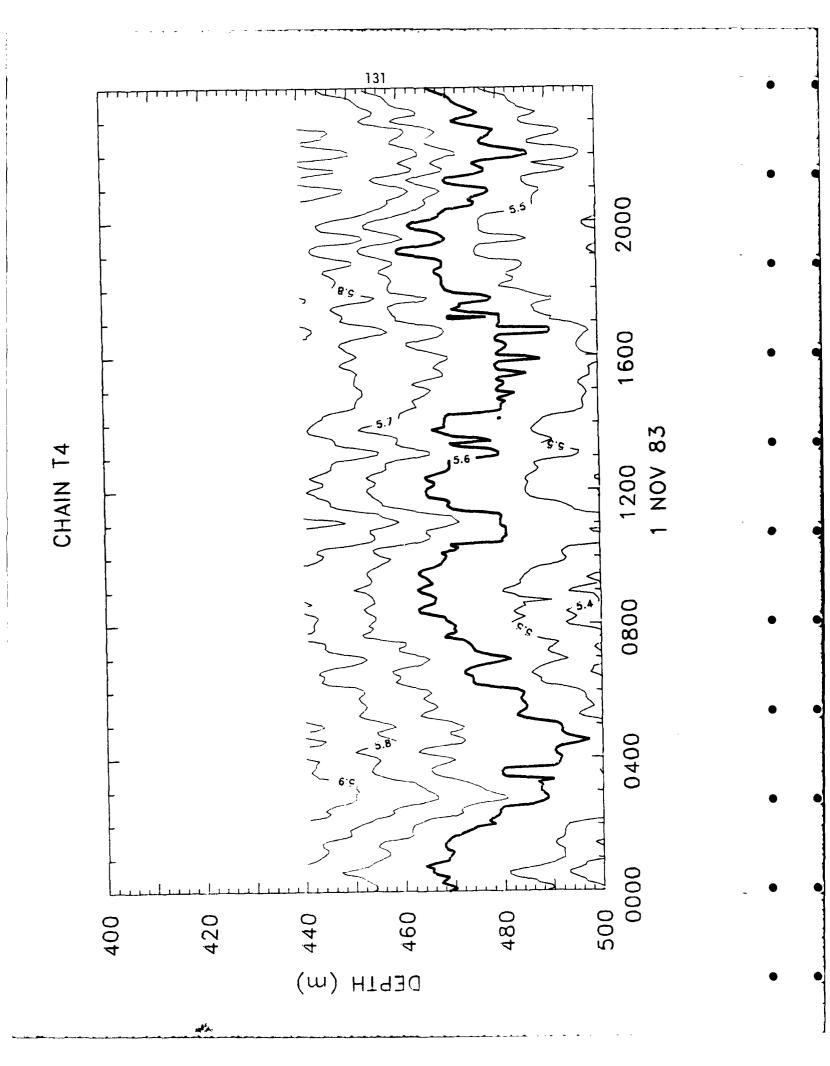


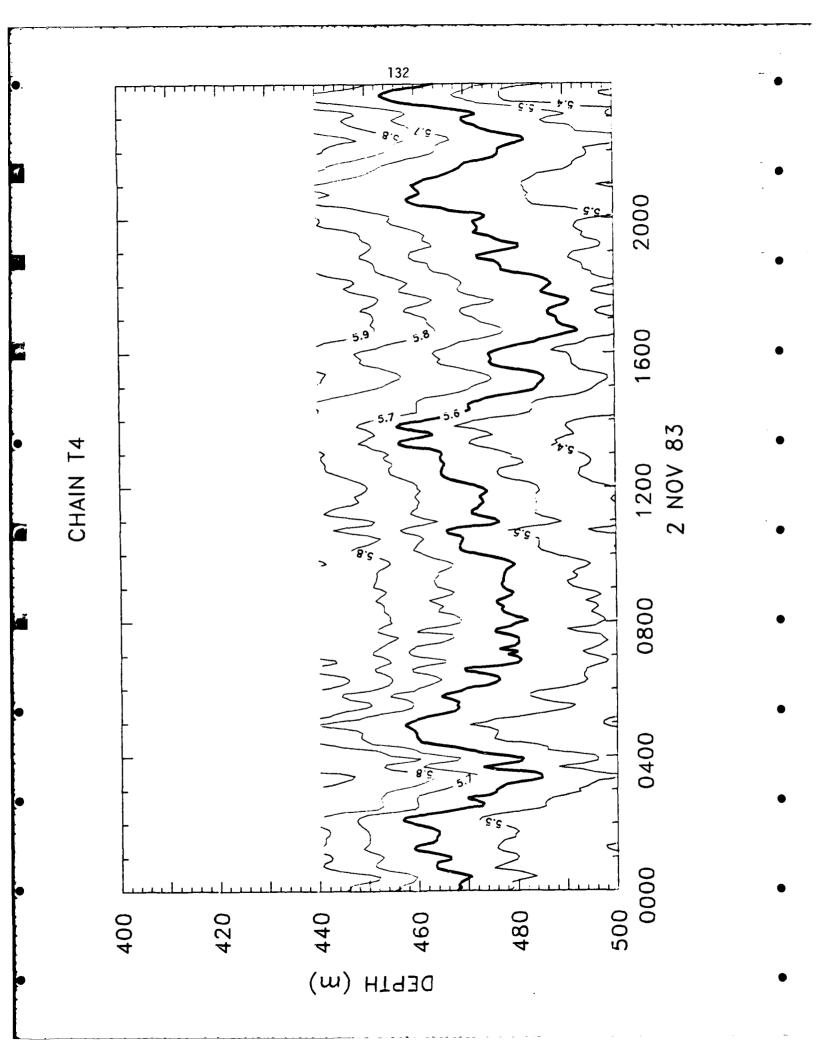


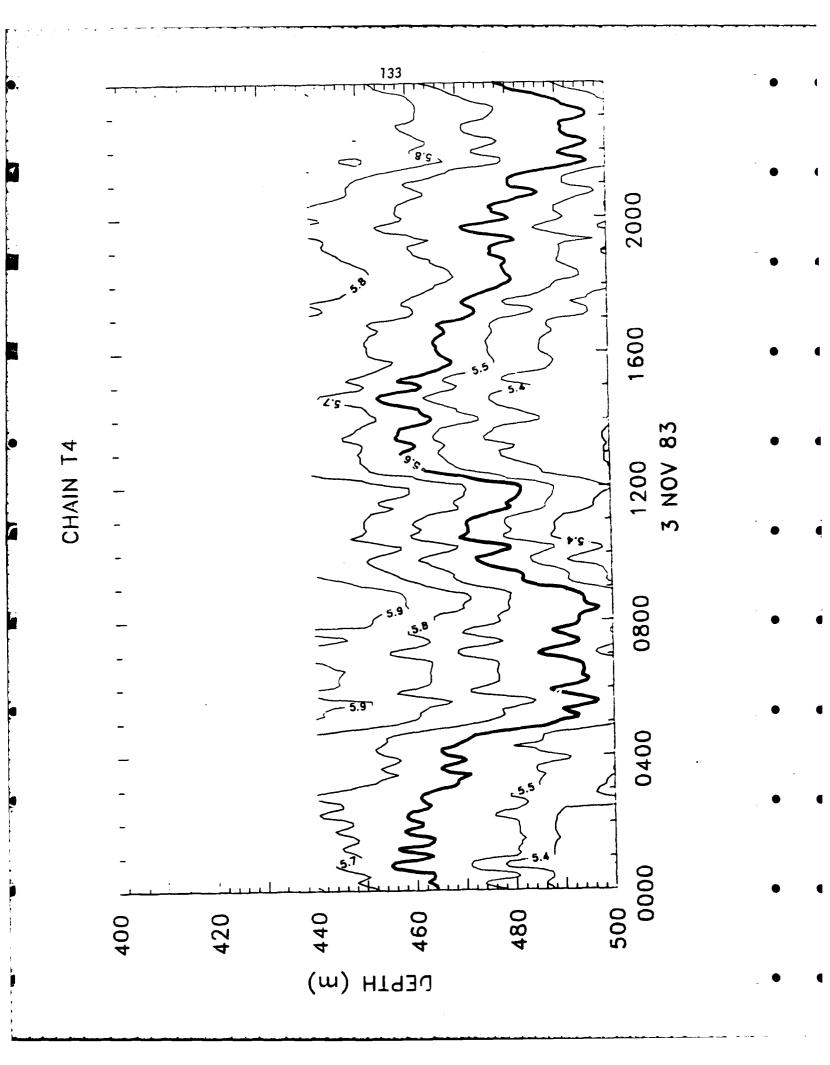


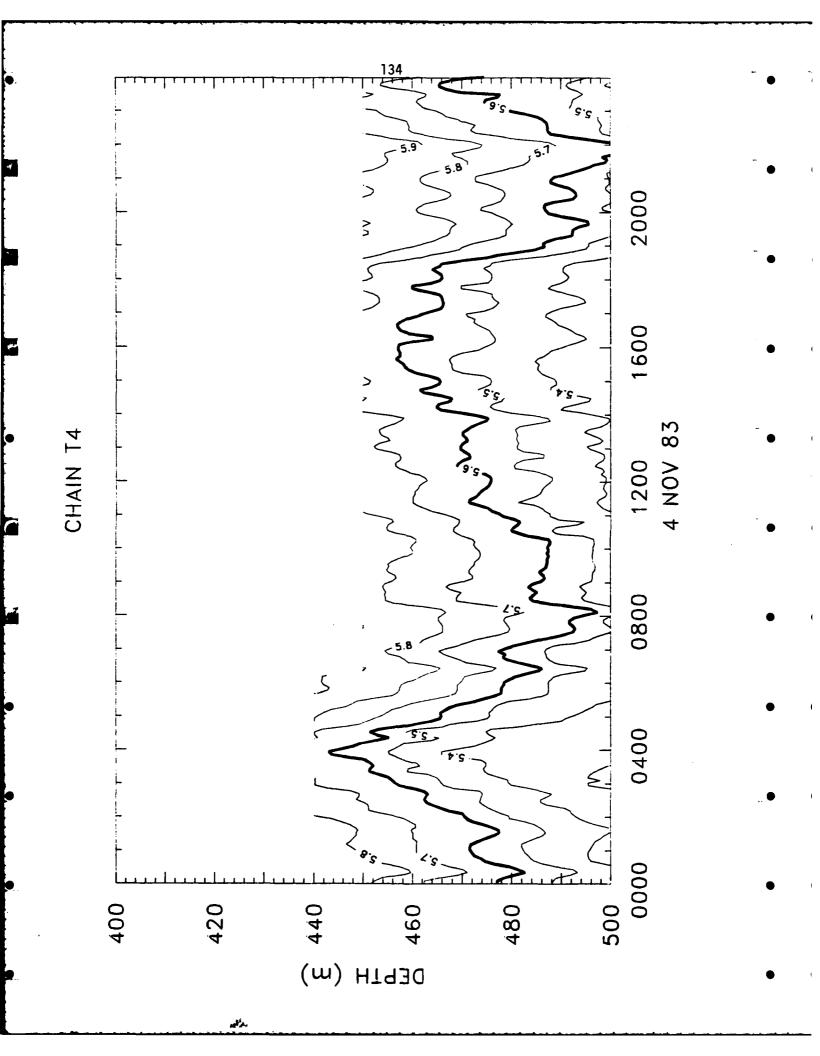




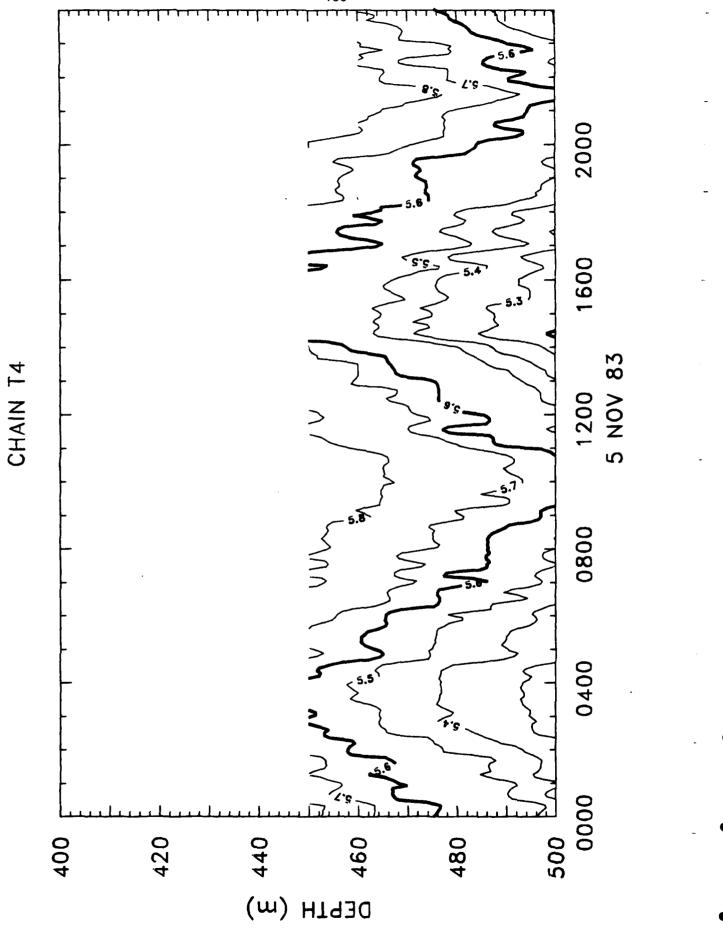


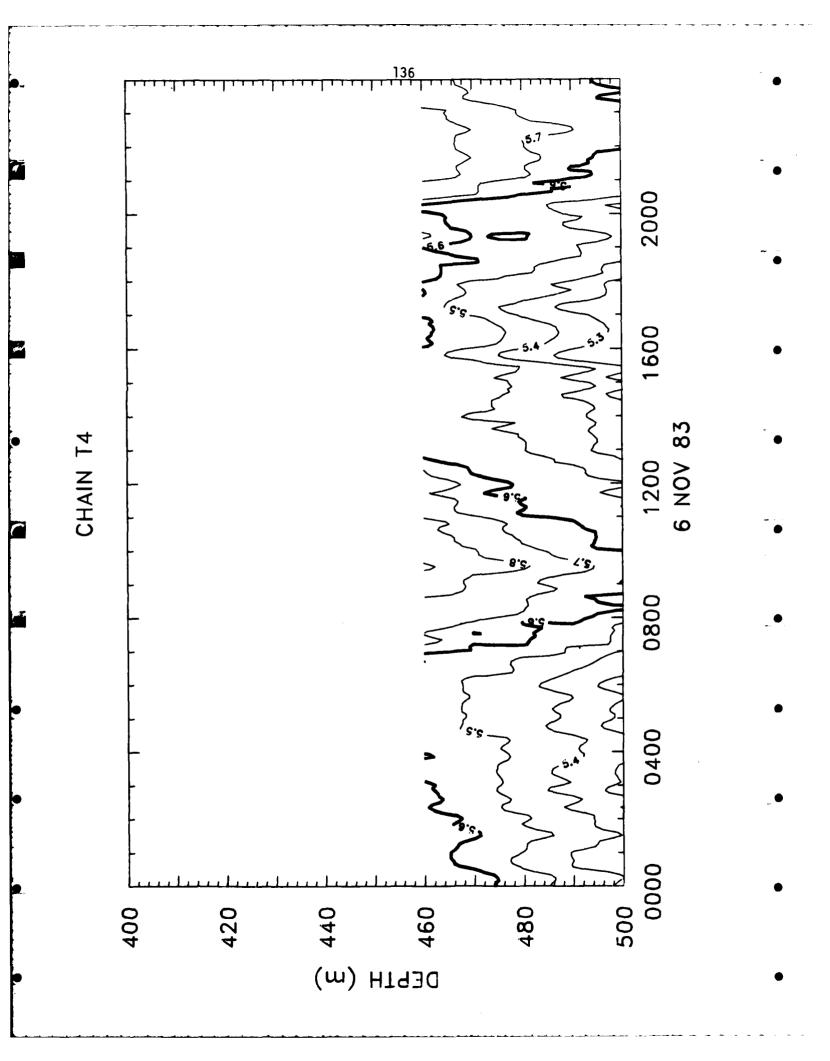


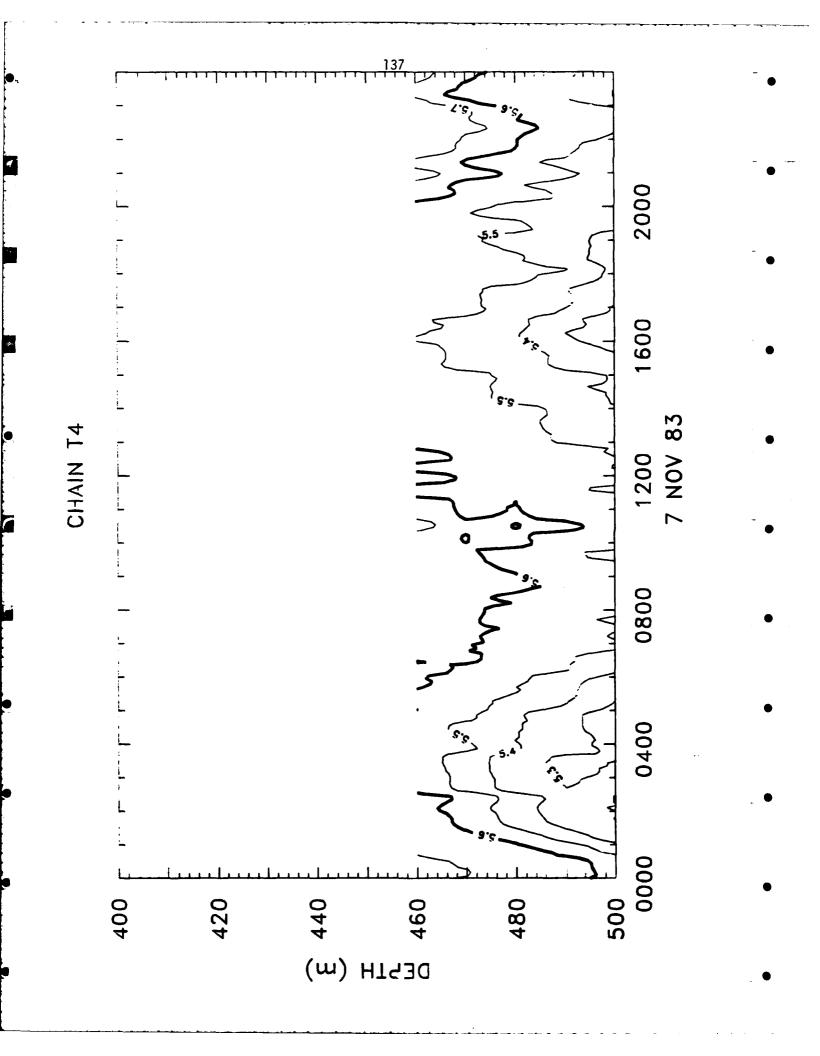


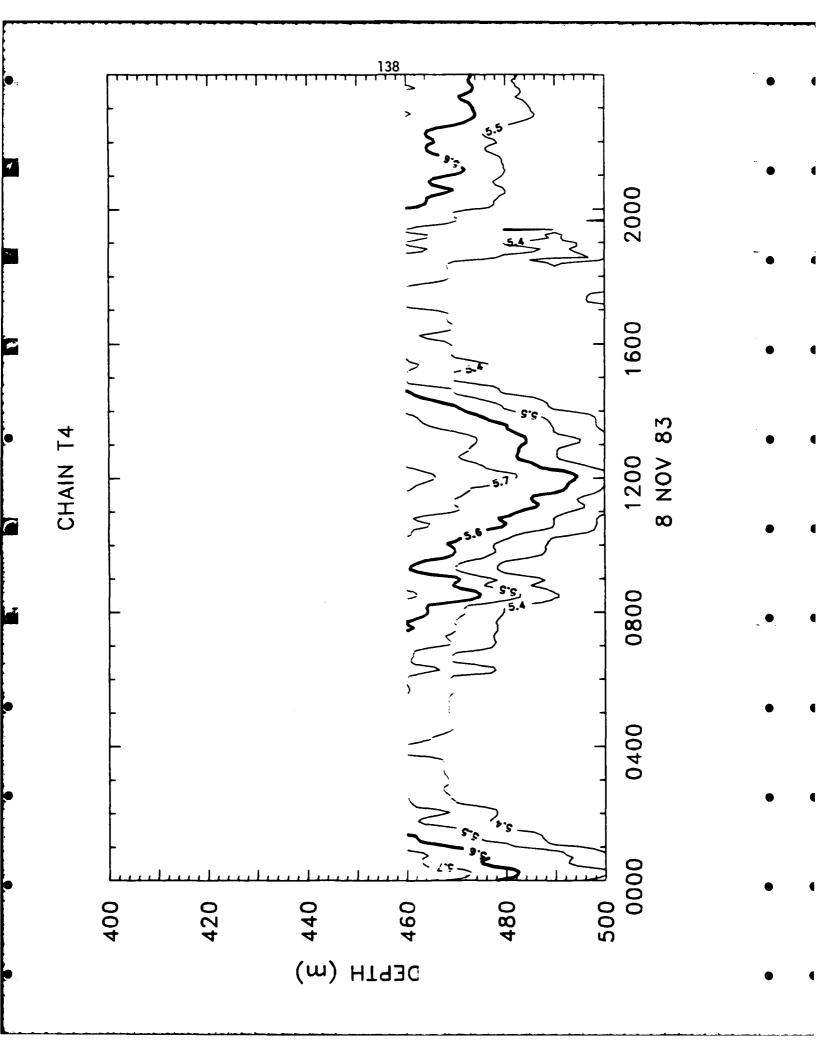


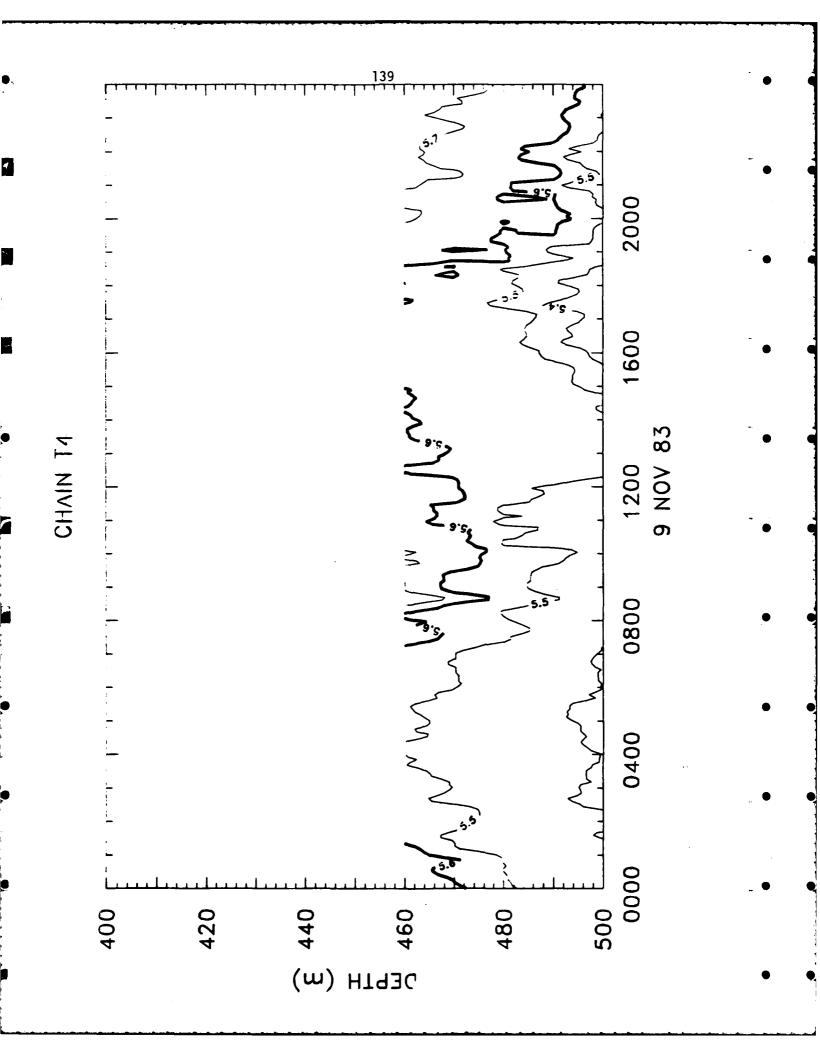


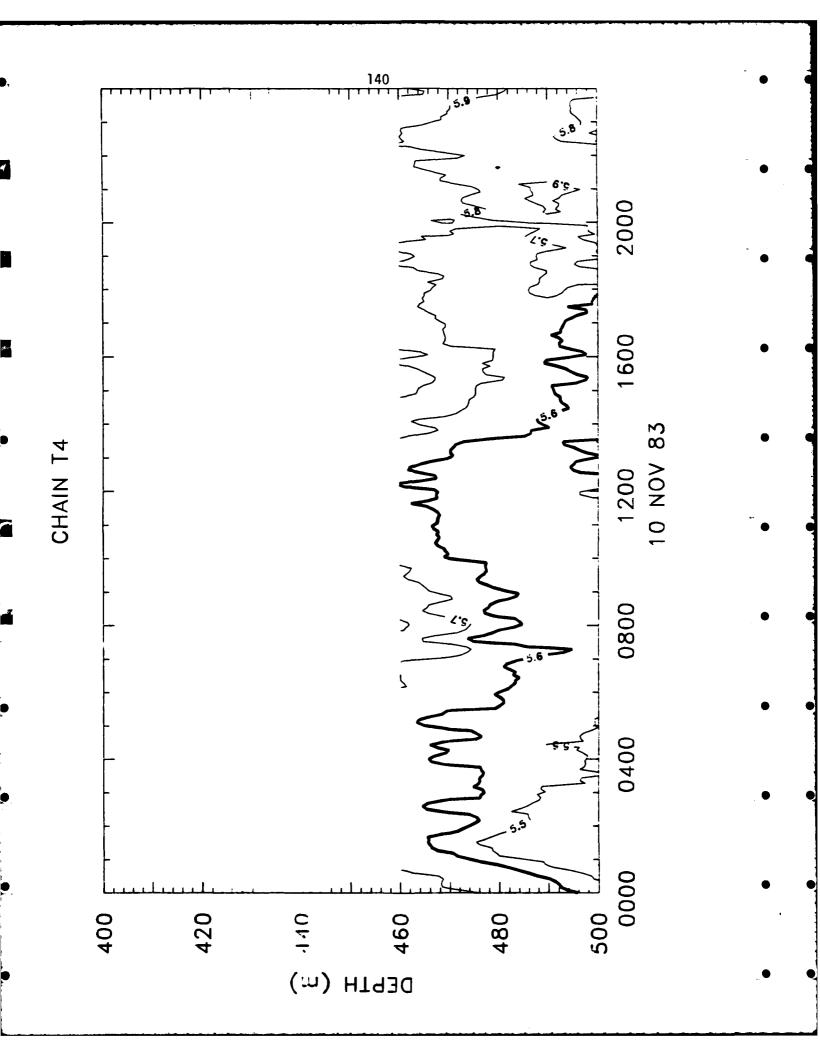


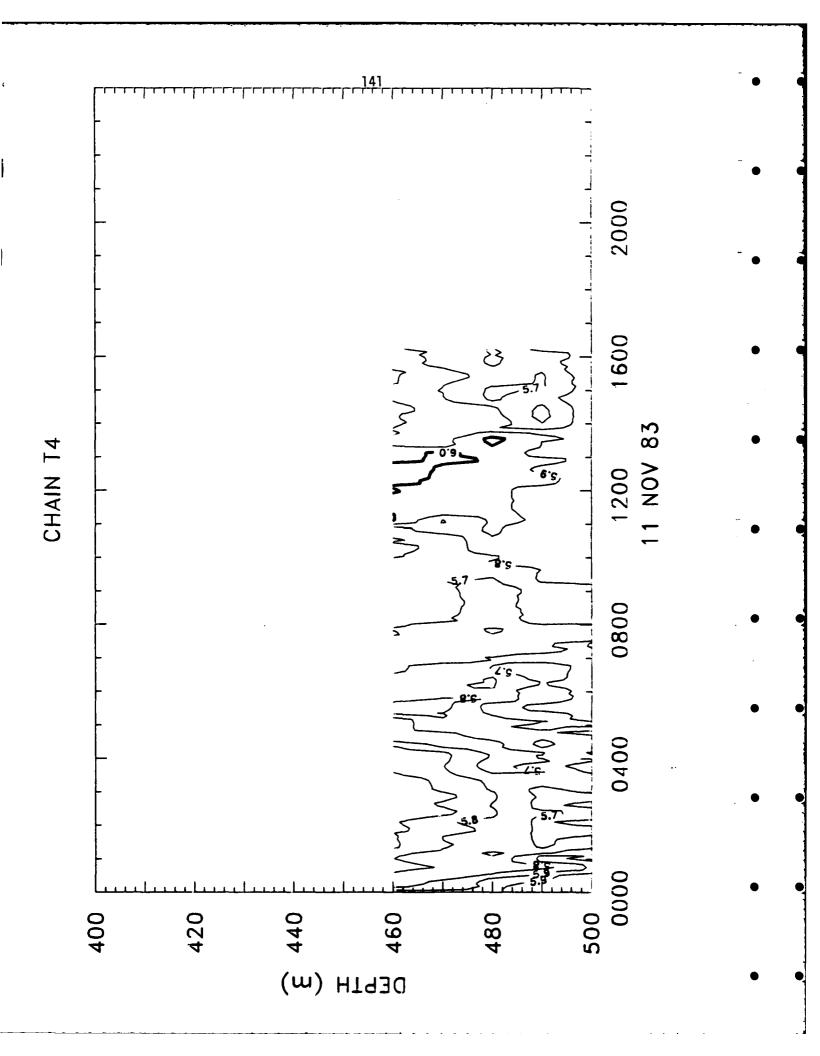


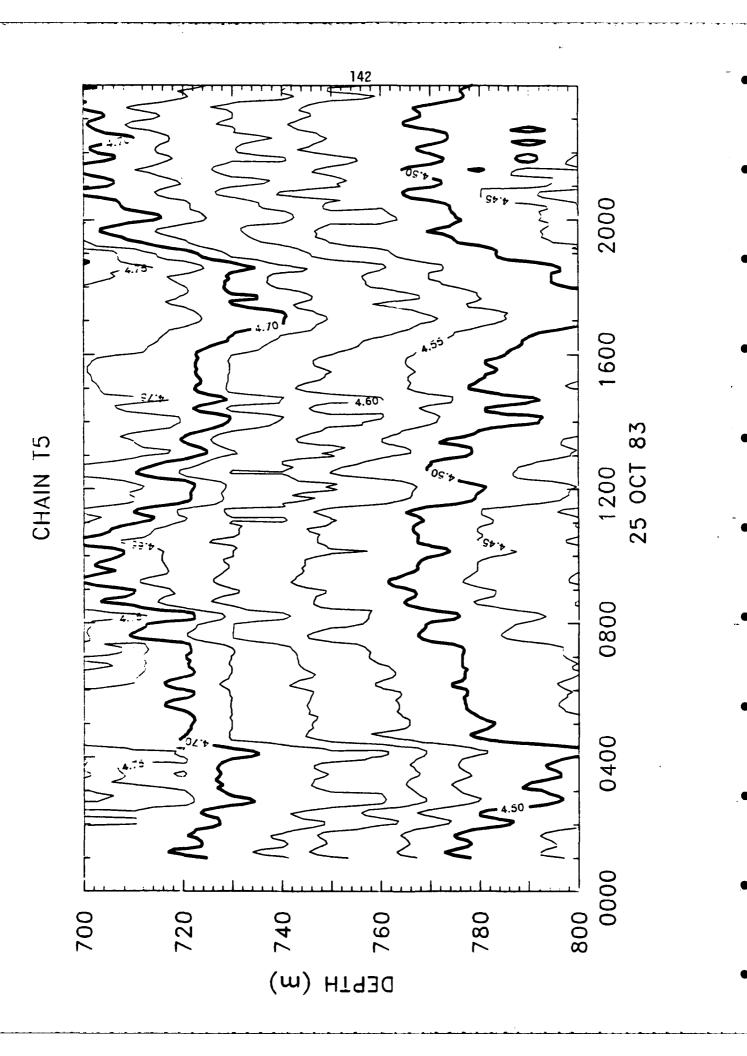


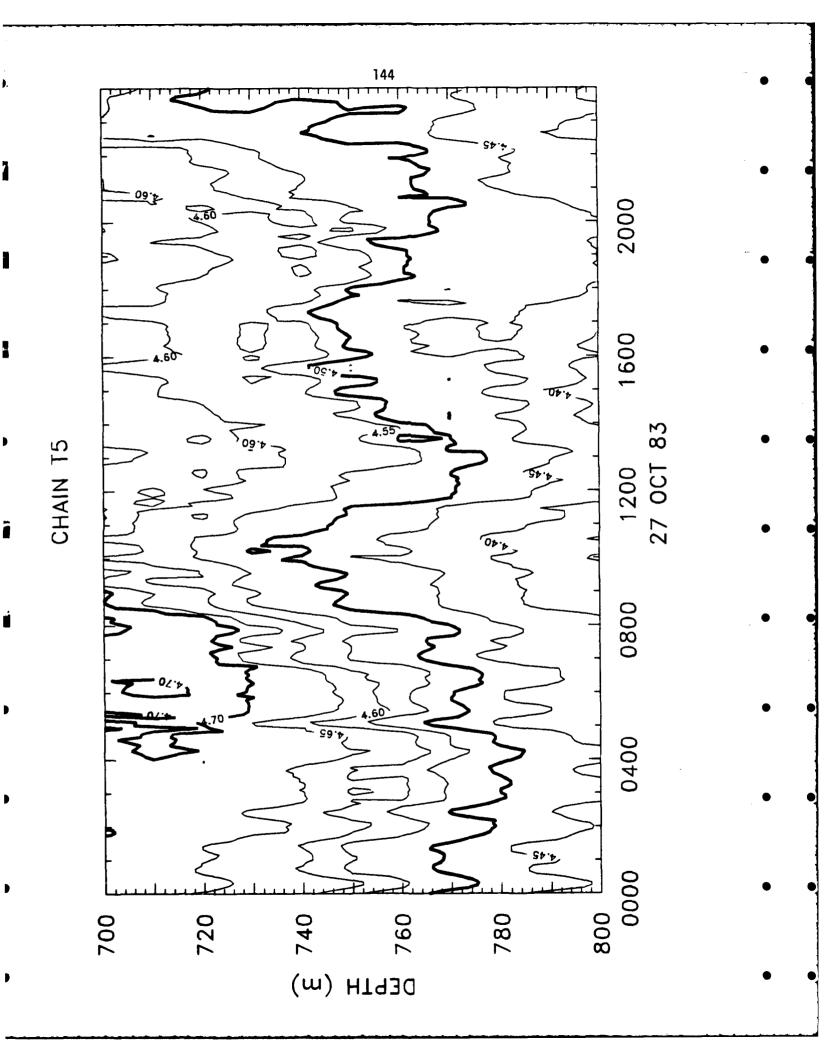


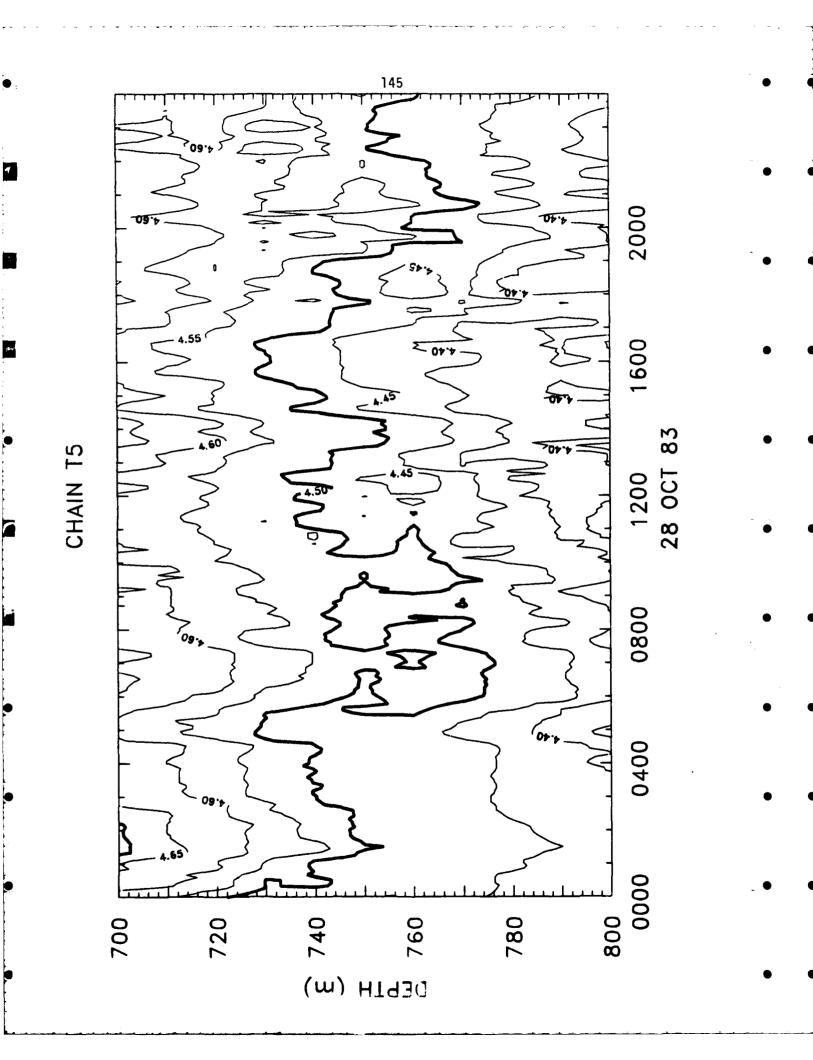


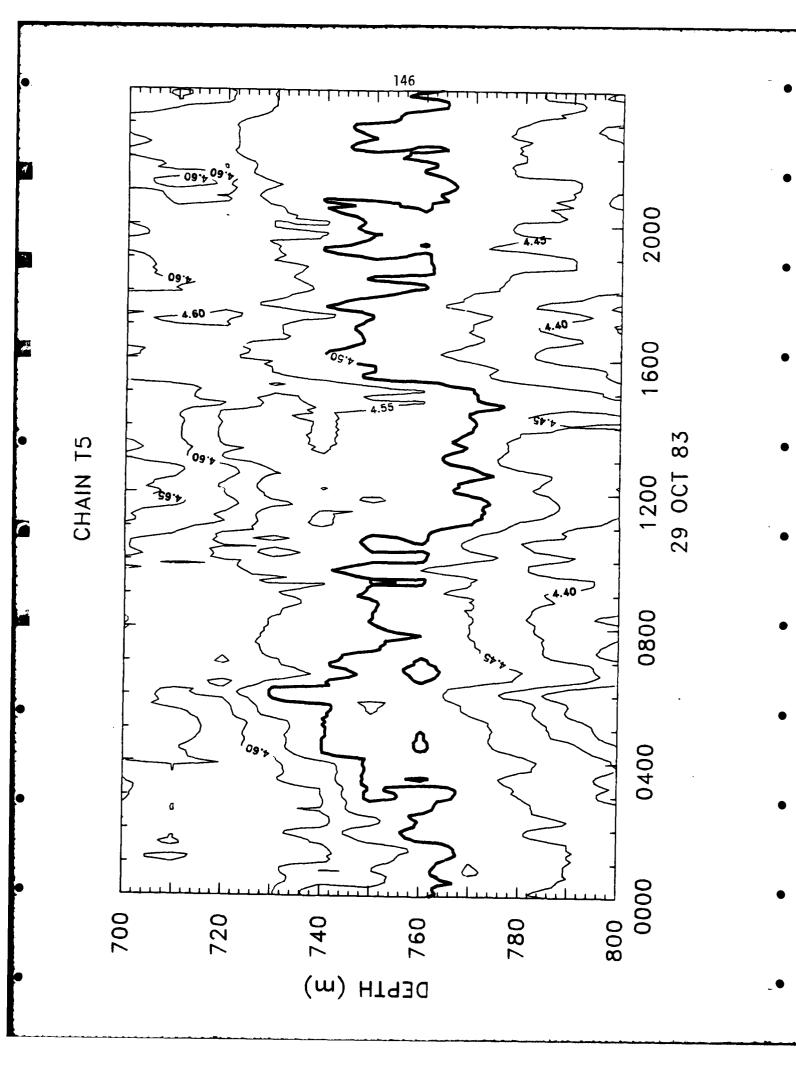


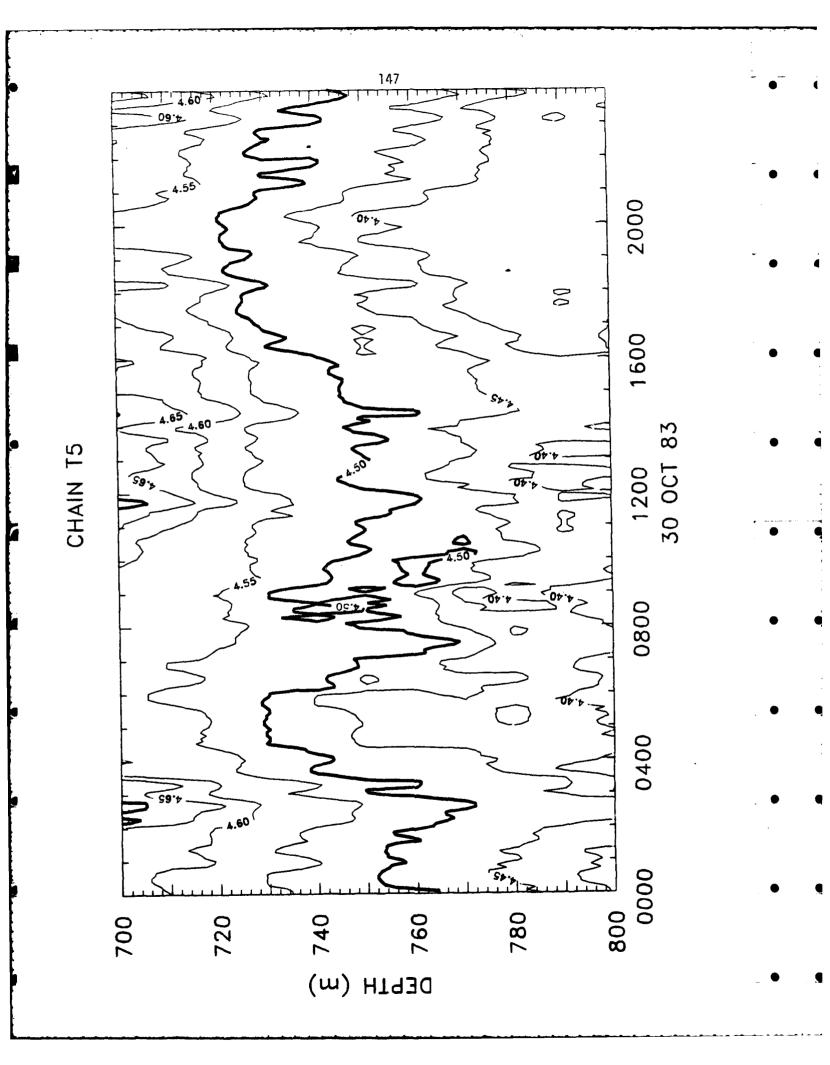


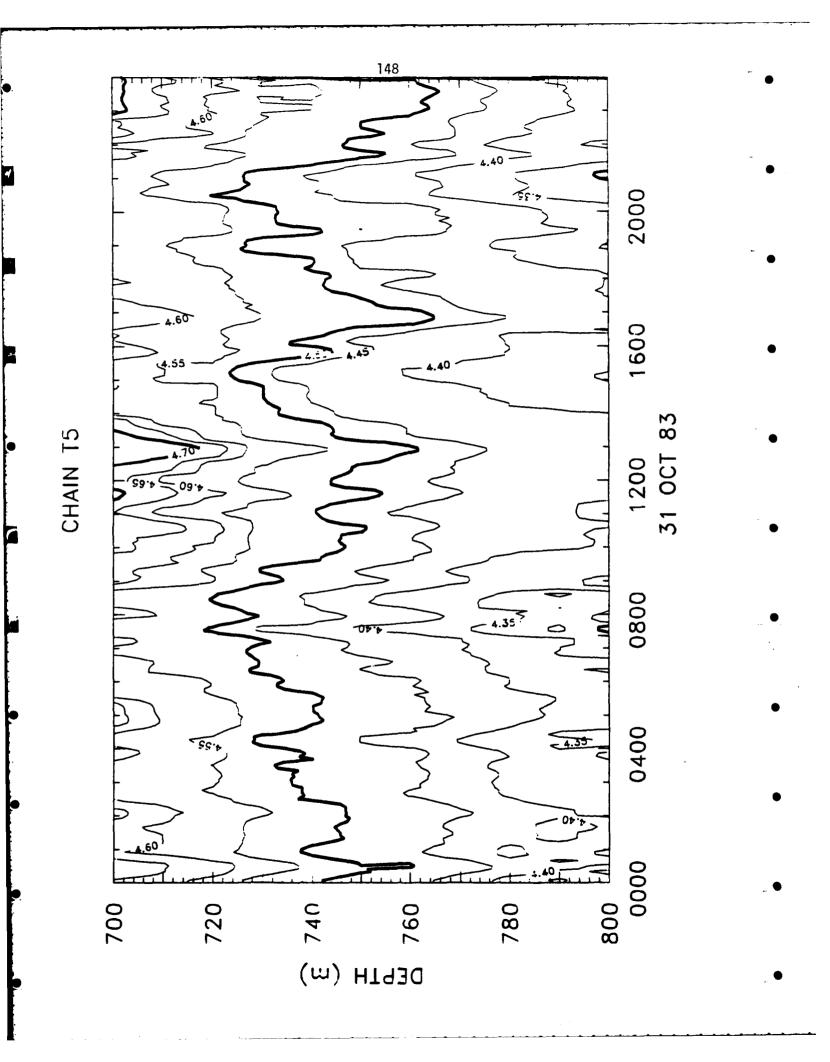


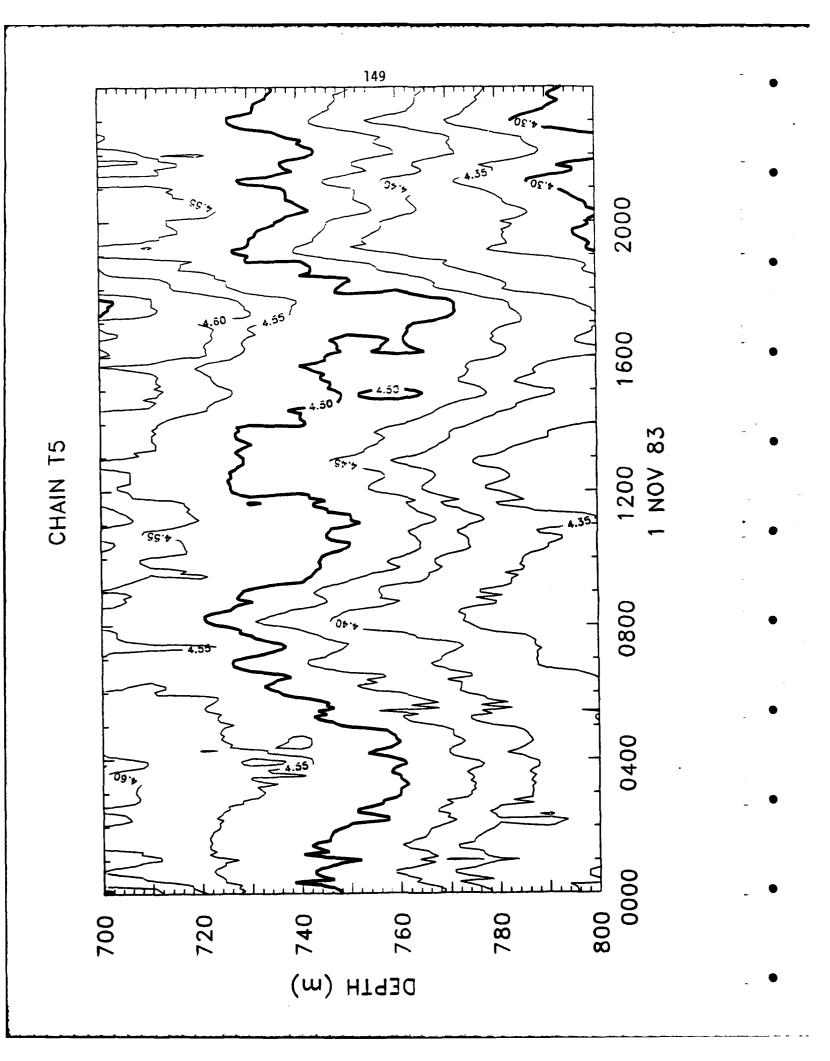


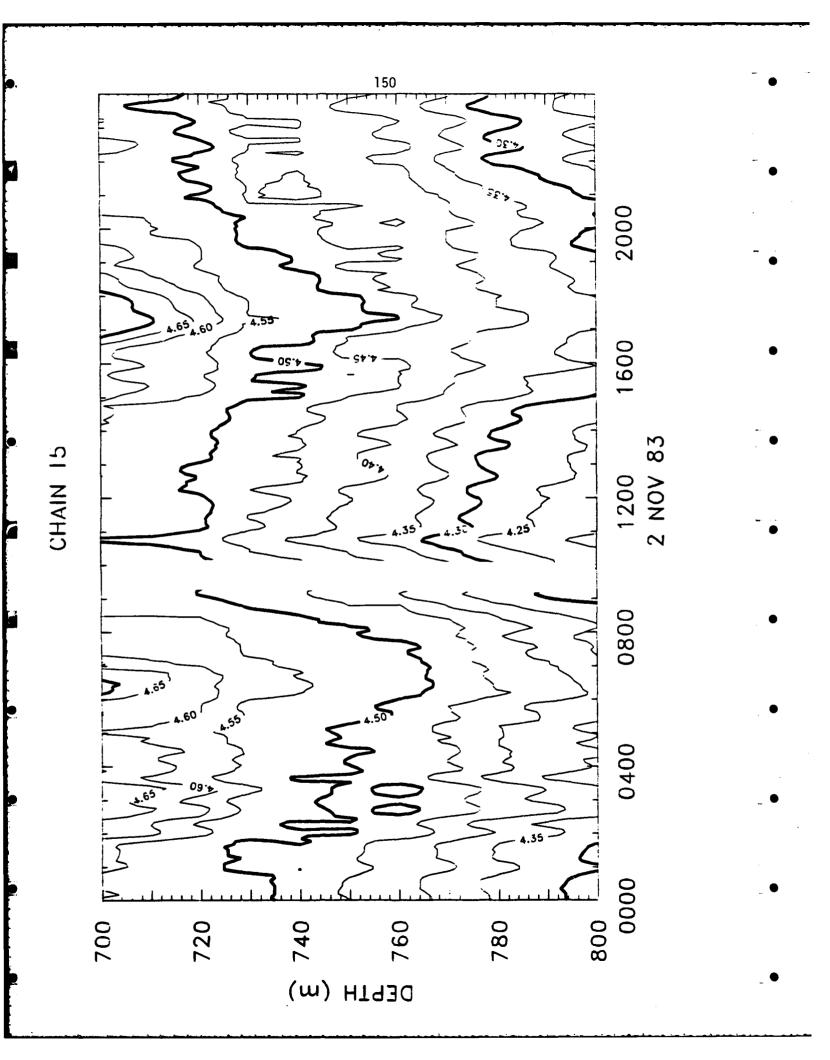


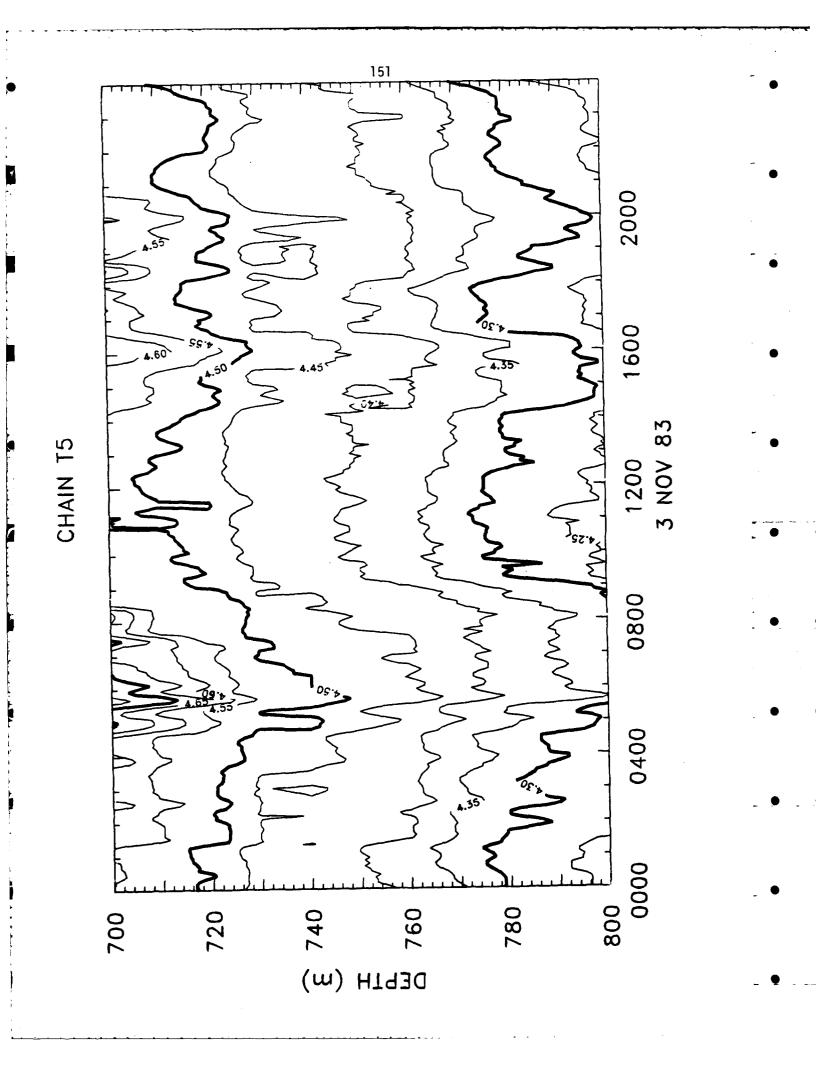


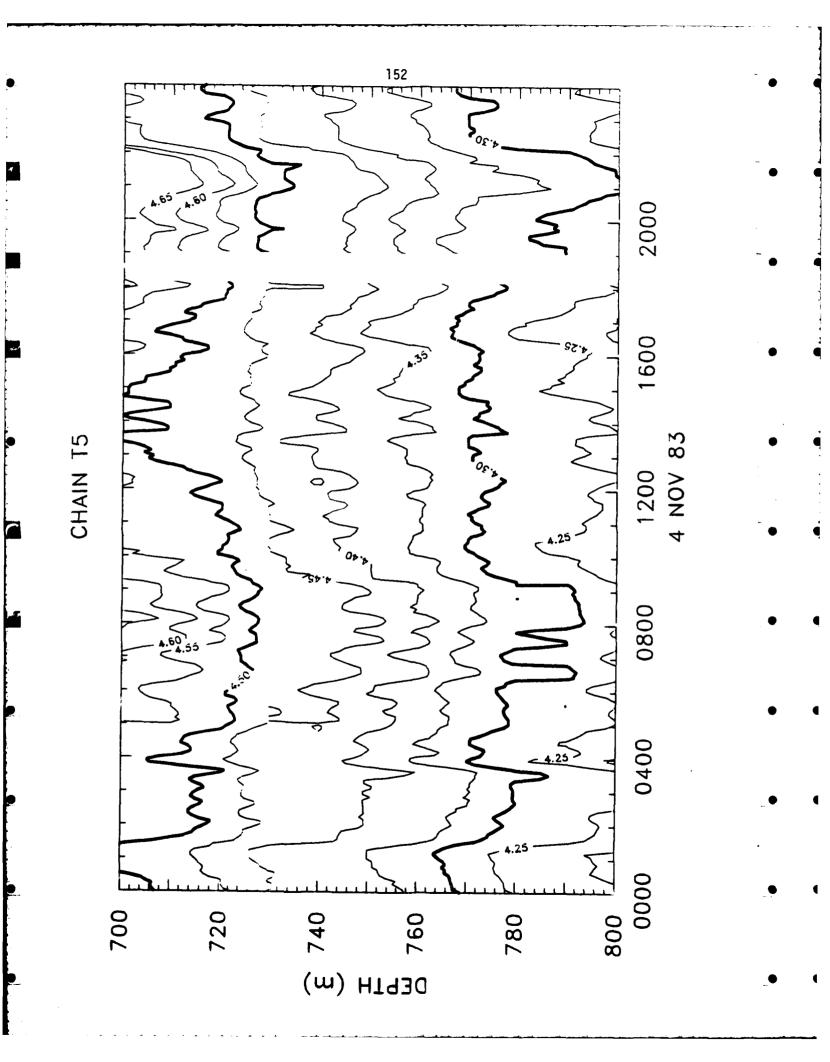


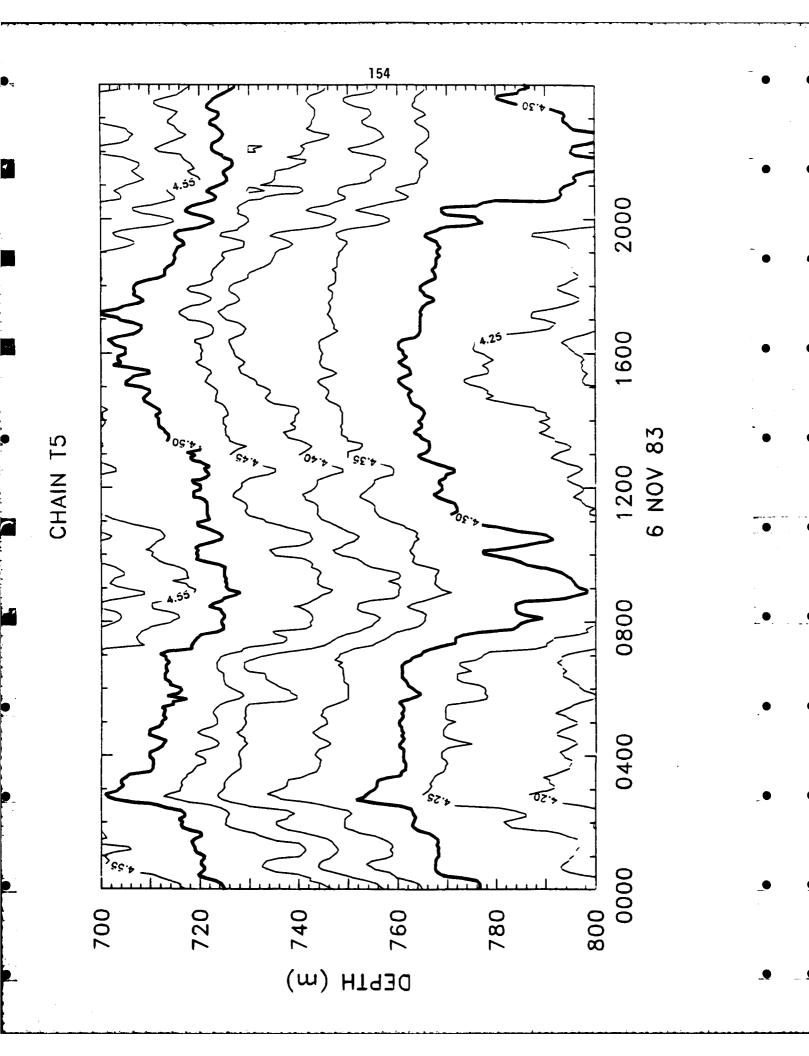


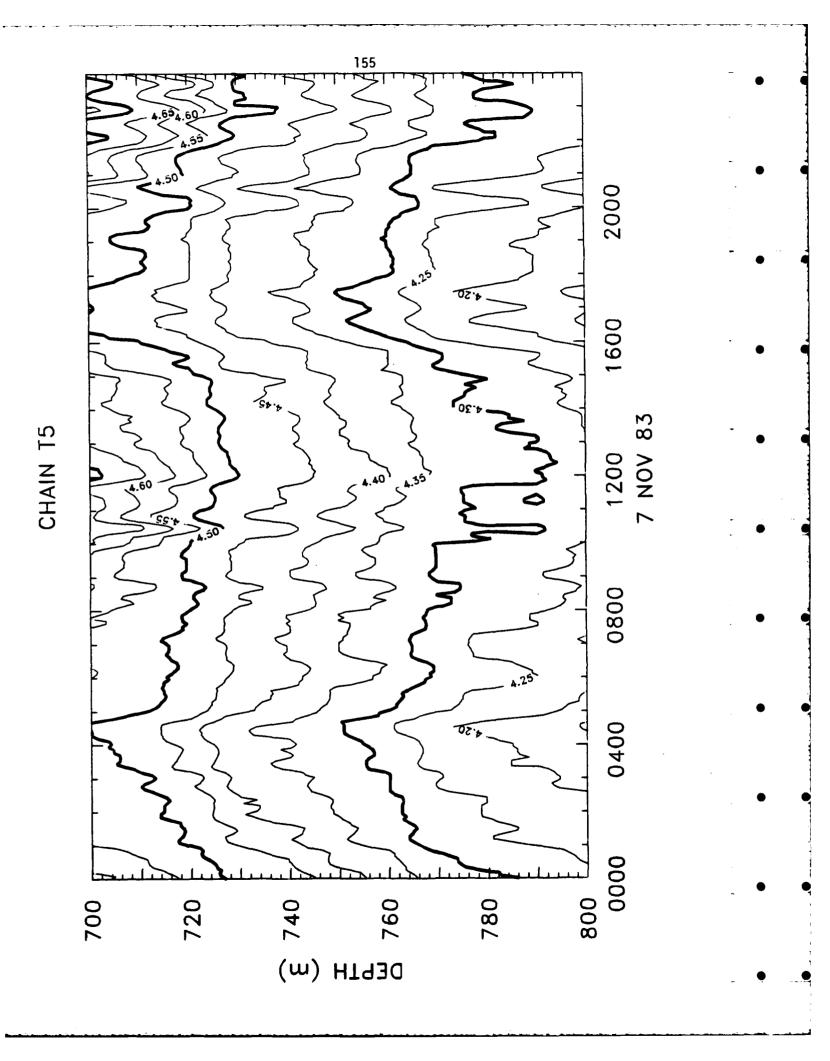


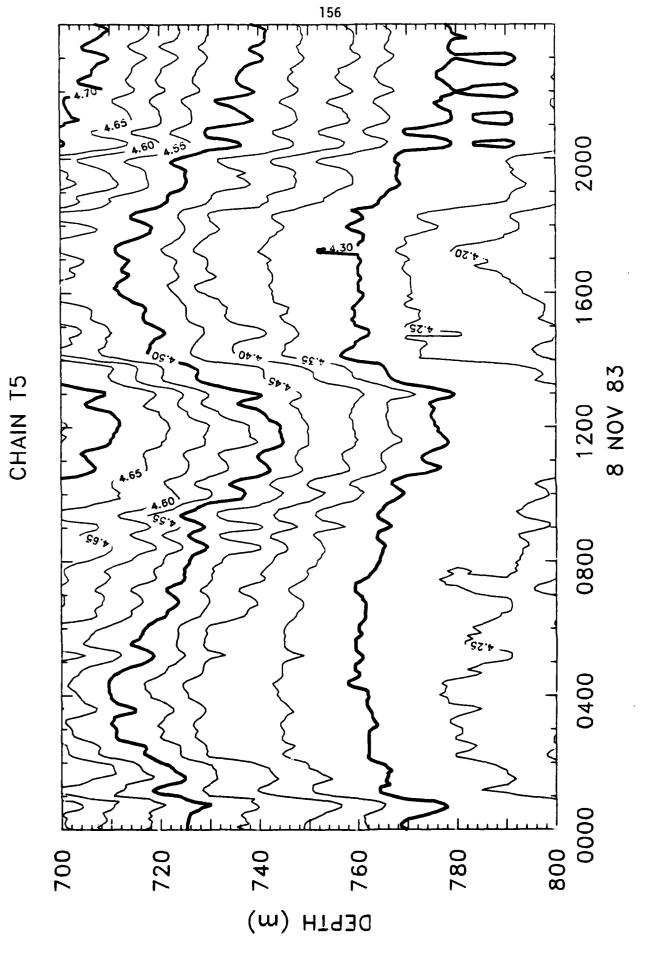


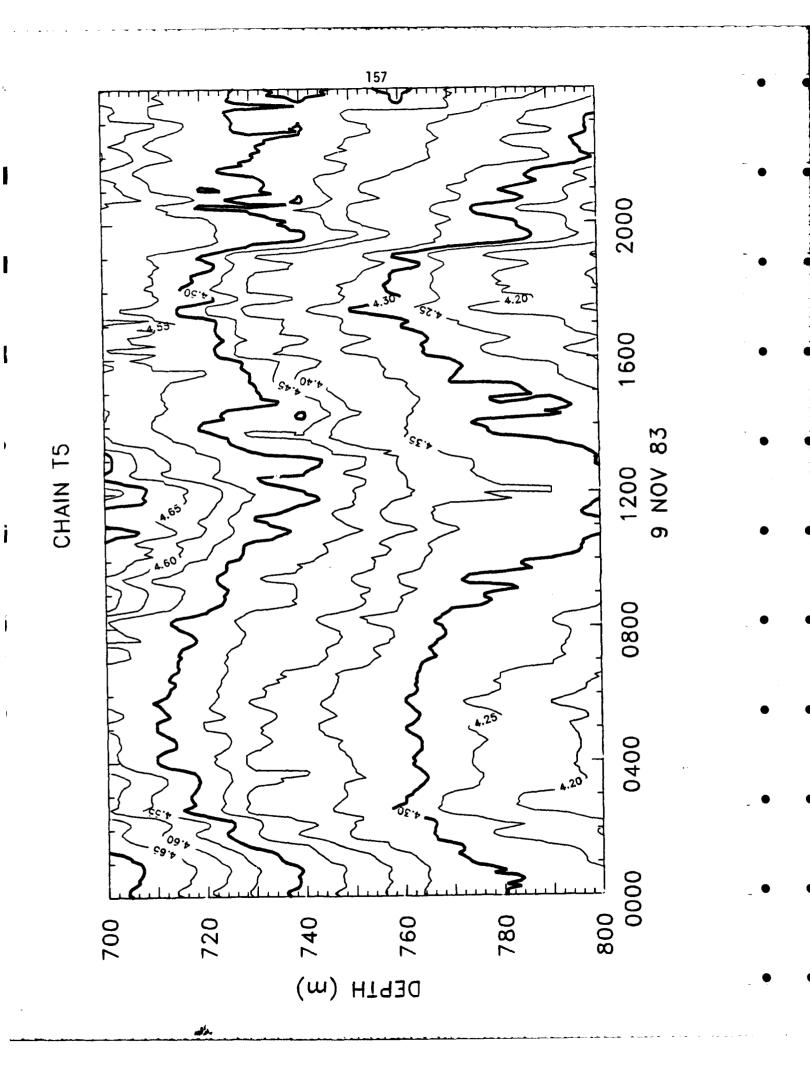


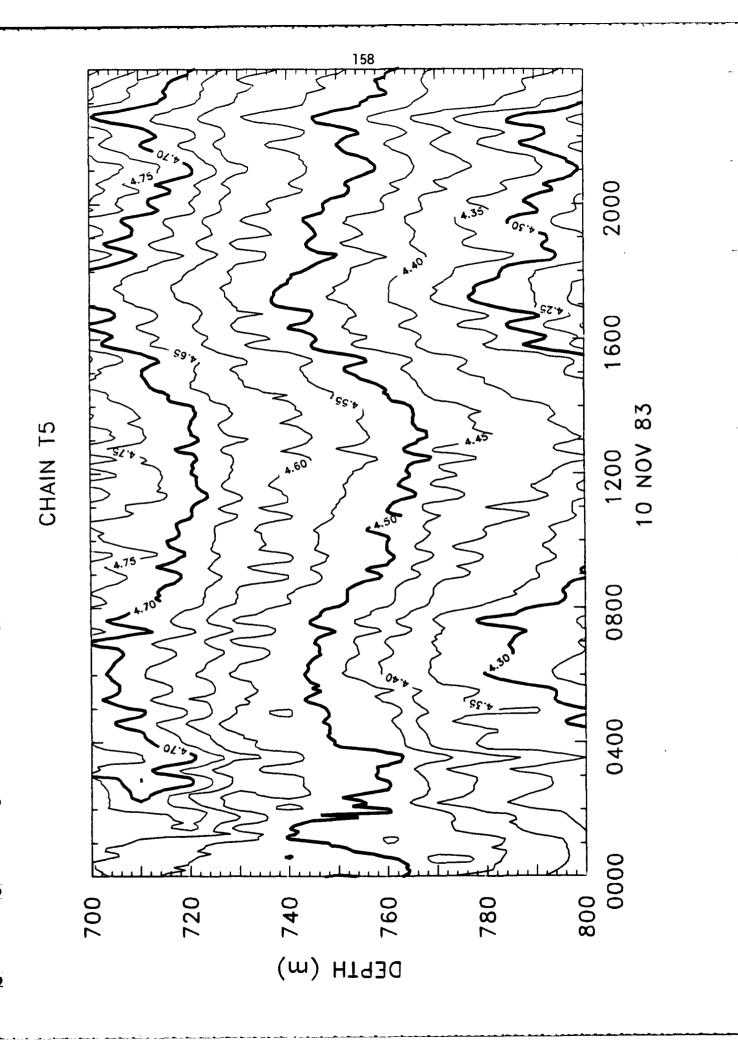


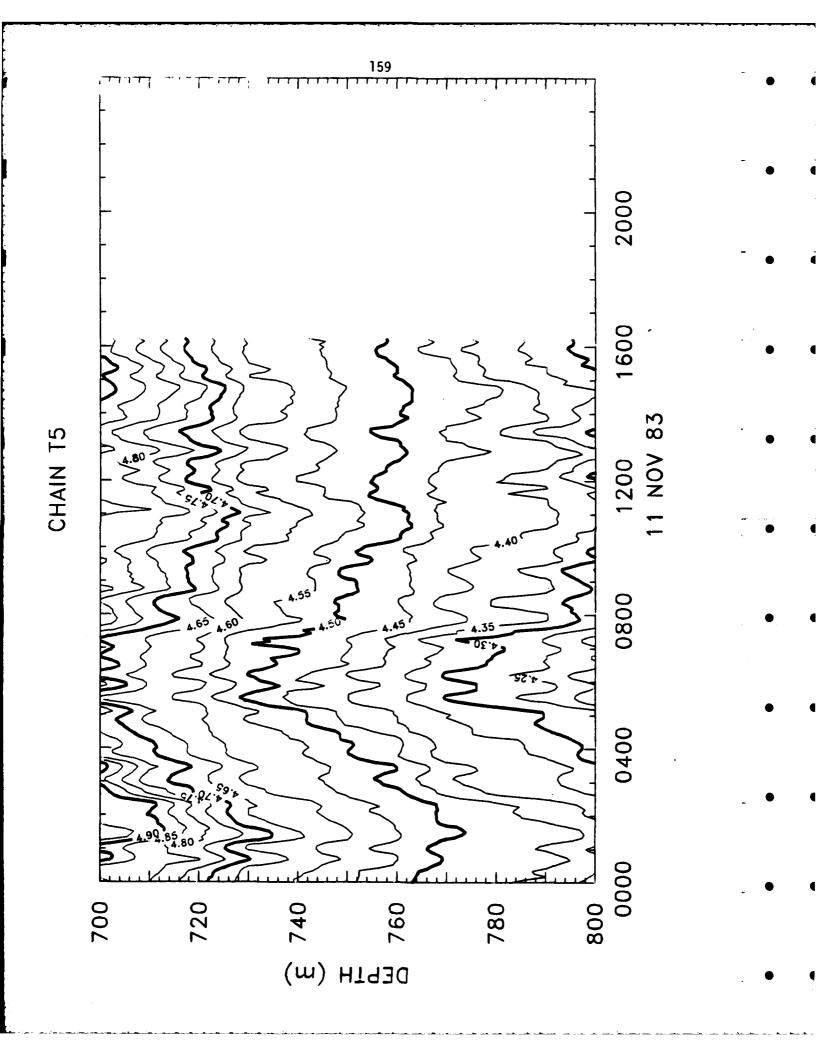












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